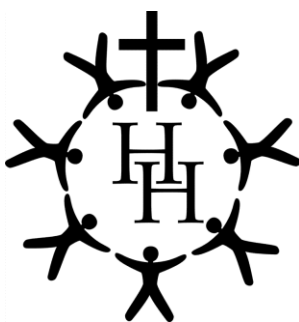


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News Sheet

Discussion topic: "I had a life once... now I have a computer." Author Unknown

12th February, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,
2021 has started exactly where 2020 left off with many challenges and obstacles. I am exceptionally proud of how the families, children and staff team of Hanging Heaton have risen to these demands and determined to make sure that we tackle it with eagerness, resilience and perseverance. I do not underestimate the difficulties that this situation has presented for our whole school community but know that we have all tackled it in the best way that we can.

It is great to read of the success of the vaccination programme so far and I look forward to this, along with other precautions we are all taking, making a real difference.

We want everyone back in school as soon as possible so that we can once again enjoy the laughter, curiosity and quick wittedness of our children and I know many of them can't wait to be back.

Mrs J Potter

Half term week 15th-19th February – Screen-free challenge

Traditionally, next week would be our half term break away from school. The Government have informed us that there is no expectation for schools to open, either face to face or remotely.

I know so many of our children (and their grown ups!) have worked exceptionally hard over the past 6 weeks to maintain remote learning and so the next week will provide a well-earned break. Teaching staff will not be on Seesaw next week and the office and head emails will not be monitored routinely.

Like many of you, I am concerned about the amount of screen time that remote learning requires for our children and hope that they can have a week away from consoles, games, computers and the TV... or at least minimise that time! For that reason, I attach some ideas for screen-free activities that you may want to look over and encourage your children to do.

This is purely optional and just for fun. I'm sure you also have many ideas of your own too!

INSET days – September 2021 to July 2022

We are asked annually to identify 5 days for staff training. Next year's training days will take place on:-

- 6th September, 2021
- 1st November, 2021
- 27th May, 2022
- 25th July, 2022
- 26th July, 2022

Our annual calendar for this academic year and next can be found on our school website [here](#).

"Let all that you do be done in love"