

Newsletter
Friday 7th April 2017



New Honley School

It is great news that we can now officially plan for the new school opening on 2nd May. But before that we will need to celebrate the life of each school as a single entity. So during the first week back after the holidays we will be interviewing some ex-pupils who have attended our school throughout its 49 years and learn about how school was for them. So if you are an ex-pupil and would like to share your memories then please let us know as we'd love to hear from you.

We will also be reminiscing about all the times we've shared together and collecting our memories in year group scrap books. We'll have a special celebration assembly, sing our school song and enjoy a party picnic together on Friday 28th April..

Our new school will open after the May Day Bank Holiday on Tuesday 2nd May and a logo design competition will be announced. Please don't worry about school uniform as the new uniform will be launched ready for everyone to wear in September. There will also be a formal opening of the school on Wednesday 4th October where we will be visited by the Bishop Nick Baines and other dignitaries.

Here's to the exciting times ahead.

Easter Egg Competition

What eggciting designs we had in our Easter Egg Competition! There were some cracking ideas and we didn't mind shelling out for some Easter Egg prizes. Here is the winners list:



- 3H Grace Colwill - hot air balloon
- 3J Harry Bannon - octopus
- 4H Elke Richards - gold at the end of the rainbow

- 4J Dylan Shaw - eggcercise class
- 5H Frankie Moore - football stadium
- 5J Jacob Langford - motorbike
- 6H Lucy Mackenzie - eggmojis
- 6J Sadie Taylor - garden with lights
- 6S Nikola Jasnowska - a place in the egg

Well done to all our entrants. We were most impressed!

Easter Service in St Mary's Church

On Tuesday afternoon we all went to church to celebrate Easter together. The children presented their work from this half term relating to this theme and their performances showed the depth of thinking involved. Year 3 shared their thoughts around the Easter story especially Palm Sunday and year 4 explored betrayal and friendship. Our year 5 pupils looked at the Last Supper and year 6 acted out their interpretation of the trial. Reverend Beadle gave an Easter blessing and we sang in celebration with some year 3 ukulele players accompanying us. Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate with us and to those who kindly made a donation as school received £25 as did St. Mary's Church.

Gymnastics Competition

Hannah James, Stephanie Sweeney, Anya Mhlanga, Sophie Mayes and Evie Goldthorpe came 8th out of 32 schools in the Key Steps Gymnastics Competition this week. There were 160 children involved from 32 schools so they worked really hard to achieve this position! The three main areas of focus were body management, floor and vault. I'm sure you'll agree this is a fantastic achievement. Well done girls!

500 Hundred Words Writing Competition



Congratulations to 'the Stressful Life of through to the next It was extremely and only 5,000 go second round of through to the final



Stephanie Sweeney for her super story Chloe'. She has been selected to go round of the 500 Words competition. tough as there were 131,798 entries through to the Reading Agency for the judging. We'll find out if Stephanie is 50 in May. Well done Stephanie we

are incredibly proud of you.

PRIDE TIME Doodle Bug Art and Maths workshops

On Thursday and Friday this week our children enjoyed their reward time for displaying our golden values this half term. Ian/Mr Doodle Bug came to work with each class in school to teach them some cartoon style drawing skills mixed with some maths reinforcement. Throughout each day he talked to the children about how they can develop a Growth

Mindset to support their resilience in learning and life. He also led an assembly at the end of the day on Friday to bring together all the ideas he'd shared during the class session. He talked about how practise, preparation, effort, self-belief and making mistakes are all part of the learning process. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and learned a lot about learning too. Thank you to Mrs Burns-Keane for organising this for our children.

FOHJS Summerfest

Well done Rachel Cartwright and Debbie Newton who have secured £500 funding from Holme Valley Parish Council towards the stage for this year's Summerfest. We are hoping this year it will be an even more spectacular event to mark the end of the Junior school and the beginning of our first year as a new through school. If you would like to help in any way with this event please let us know as all support is much appreciated.

War-Time Bun Recipe

Ingredients

1 1/2 oz margarine
1 1/2 oz sugar
1 egg
2oz self raising flour

Method

Cream the margarine and the sugar until soft and light
gradually beat in the egg
add the flour and mix well
half fill the cases
bake for 12 mins at 180°
makes 6 cakes



Year 4 have donned their aprons again this week, adapting a war-time bun recipe by adding some extra ingredients. Here is the basic recipe that we used, for those of you who fancy trying it out at home. Rationing during wartime meant that recipes used far less of certain ingredients than we might use today. We found that this recipe makes 6 rather small buns and uses a surprisingly small amount of sugar, but they are actually sweet enough, and the addition of the

extra ingredients bulks them out a bit more. They were definitely bigger second time around! Popular additional ingredients were cocoa powder and orange essence. The classroom almost smelt like it was the Bake Off tent!

Maya Mania

Well done to Year 5 for their fantastic Maya afternoon on Wednesday. This half term they have studied the Maya culture and were keen to share their work with parents and carers. The afternoon involved group presentations, singing, a time machine and lots of fun. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to hear about and see the children's work.



Diary Dates

7/4/17	School closes for the Easter Holiday
24/4/17	School opens Year 3 – Danelaw Viking Village
28/4/17	Honley CE (VC) Junior and Honley CE (C) Infant School 'closes'. Party picnic school lunch.
2/5/17	Honley CE (VC) Junior, Infant and Nursery School opens
1/5/17	School Closed – May Day
5/5/17	FOHJS film night 3:30-5:30pm
WB 8/5/17	Year 6 SATs week
18/5/17	FOHJS discos
23/5/17	Pentecost Service in church Year 6 Leavers photograph
26/5/17	School closes
5/6/17	School opens
24/6/17	Summerfest – 2:00 – 7:00pm
6/7/17	Year 6 Moving on Journey with hand to Mouth
10/7/17	New parents' and carers' meeting 6:00pm
13/7/17	Leavers' Disco
18/7/17	Leavers' Service
21/7/17	School Closes
4/9/17	INSET day
5/9/17	School opens for autumn term
4/10/17	Official opening of our new school with dignitaries

