



Happy New Year!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Welcome back to an exciting Spring Term and here's to 2016 being the best year ever at Honley Juniors.

Skipathon

Thank you to all our super skippers and sponsors for their efforts last term in raising money for the British Heart Foundation as we managed to collect a grand total of £363.85. This also means that school gets to keep £72.77 which we will use to increase our PE resources. Well done!

Year 6 Topic Work – North America

For our North America topic in year 6, we had a hook day to engage the children in their learning. They had to play the part of American pioneers, heading West to find a better life than they currently have in the slums of the East coast cities. They had to decide on limited provisions to take with them - prioritising what they might need to set up their own settlement. They then had to design the ideal terrain for their new home, thinking about the physical features they would need to sustain them. They created their new homestead on their tables, making some tricky decisions about what mattered most along the way!

Year 4 World War 2 Day



On Monday 11th January, Year 4 had a special World War 2 topic day. Special guest was Barbara Booth (Miss. Hinchliffe's Grandma) who gave us an insight into the differences between life in Huddersfield now and during the war.

The children learnt about rationing and even had a taste of condensed milk on bread! They also learnt some Vera Lynn songs and discussed the importance of the lyrics and designed their own propaganda posters.

A lot of fun was had by all and we are now looking forward to our Evacuee Day on Monday 18th January! Wish us luck as you wave us goodbye!

Year 5 SPICED Workshop

On Wednesday our Year 5 teachers held a SPICED workshop for pupils and parents to explore this term's PSHE topic around drugs awareness. It was great to have such a good turnout of parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us in delivering these important messages around keeping safe.

Floodlit Cup Report by Henry Rayner (5H)

Finally at the third attempt Year 5 boys played in the Floodlit Cup 2016. The players and parents made the long awaited journey on a bitter cold night to Huddersfield New College. The teams in our group were 'B' All Stars, St Patricks A, Newsome, Honley and CCA. The players were Sonny, Oliver, Logan, Greg, Thomas H, Bailey, Tafari and Henry.

In our first game we played Newsome and we won 2:0, then came St Patricks A we lost the first 2:0 in a tight game with St Patrick's goalkeeper making some outstanding saves. After a long wait was 'B' All Stars and we came out with a 1:0 victory. Finally we played CCA and won 2:0.

It turned out not to be the Honley boys night when we were knocked out as St Patricks had won all their games. Miss Hinchliffe was proud of the team spirit that the year 5 boys showed, even though we didn't make it through to the final.

Times Tables Tests

You may have seen the Government announcement that from 2017 KS2 SATs will include an on-screen times tables test up to 12x12. Children at Honley Juniors do learn their times tables during class time but in a busy school day we can't give enough time to fully embed them. Part of every year groups' homework each week is to learn their times tables. If they put the effort in at home they should be confident and fast by Year 6. The expectation is: Year 3 Multiplication and Division facts 3, 4 and 8 tables; Year 4 all Multiplication and Division facts secure up to 12 x 12. We will produce more help and support for you on this in the near future.

Spelling

Another area that the Government want schools to focus on is spelling. The expectation at Year 6 is that children can spell 'most words correctly'. The spelling lists for Year 6 include words like conscience, accommodate, parliament and pronunciation. Not easy! Again, we do a lot of teaching of spelling but it is a skill that needs to be practised. Part of every year groups' homework is to work on spelling each week. Children should get spelling investigations alongside rules to learn and spellings to practice. Children WILL NOT be able to achieve the National Expectation without being able to spell.

Adverse Weather

Please keep a watch out if there is poor weather with possible safety risks. Any updates can be found on our Website, Twitter and Facebook. The decision to close school is never taken lightly and we would always text out to parents and carers as early as we can before school or during the day if conditions deteriorate.

Diary Dates:

Date	Event / Activity
18.1.16	Year 4 Evacuee Day
20.01.16	FOHJS meeting 7:00 all welcome!
25.1.16	Whole School Maths Puzzle day
02.02.16	Hand to Mouth collective Worship
03.02.16	Showcase assembly
04.02.15	Valentines discos
05.02.16	Parent Forum 2:30pm - all welcome
08.02.16	Huddersfield Giants Assembly
09.02.16	Christingle Service at St. Mary's 10:30
09.02.16	Year 4 ukulele performance -2:45pm
11.02.16	School Closes for INSET and half term holiday
22.02.16	School reopens
24.02.16	Strictly Pennine Dance Festival – 5.20pm
01.03.16	Parents' Evening 1
03.03.16	Parents' Evening 2

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07.03.16	Hand to Mouth collective worship
18.03.16	Whole school – Sports Relief Mile
22.03.16	Easter Service at St. Mary's 10:30
23.03.16	French Theatre Company
24.03.16	School closes for Easter
11.04.16	School reopens –Summer Term
w/c 09.05.16	Year 6 SATS week
10.05.16	Pentecost Service at St. Mary's 10:30
24.05.16	Leavers photograph
26.05.16	School closes for INSET day and half term
06.06.16	School reopens
w/c 20.06.16	Olympic Sports Week
12.07.16	Transition day
19.07.16	Leavers Service at St. Mary's 10:30
20.07.16	School Closes for summer holidays

