

Friday 24th June 2016

Summer Fest 2016

The weather is looking promising for tomorrow but we're still we're keeping everything crossed! We're still looking for helpers so please let us know if you can help out in any way.

There will be pony rides and an inflatable arena as well as all the usual stalls and activities. The headline act is Samuel S. Parkes, a Northern Soul band and there will be plenty of entertainment including our very own choir and ukulele players. The entrance fee is £2.50 for adults and £1 for children over three years old. Tickets are available on the gate. All the fun kicks off at 2pm with the Honley Samba Band.

I do hope you will come along to support school and have a great day out!



New climbing frame

A while ago, we successfully bid for a £10 000 Big Lottery grant to develop more active playtimes. You may remember from previous newsletters that our School Forum groups decided that they wanted a climbing structure and new playground markings. I am glad to report that after a long, rainy wait we have finally been able to let the children use them.



When the year 2 children came to visit this week, as part of the transition activities, they wasted no time in making the most of the extra space and the new equipment.

Assessments

You will no doubt have heard how your child has been getting on with the tests over the past couple of weeks and from our point of view it is all going smoothly. It seems that on the whole most children have found the experience a bit of a novelty and have been quite excited to use the headphones with some even saying they are enjoying them!



Olympic Sports Week

Despite a soggy start and end to the week we have managed to run sports afternoons for years 3, 5 and 6 this week. We will try again on Monday morning for year 4. Thank you to Miss Hinchliffe and Mrs Farquhar for organising everything and for our fantastic Year 6 helpers for running all the activities and supporting the children so well. Thanks to you too if you were able to come along to cheer the children on.

Here are some pictures of all the sporty enthusiasm, fun and games this week from Year 3. We'll include more photos from the other afternoons next time.



Maths Competition



Well done to our Year 6 maths team; Louise T, Anisa A, Amelia H, Ryan S, Jake J, Gabriel C, Abigail T and Louie H.

Thanks too to Mrs Apostolakis for organising this and Mr Cattell for supporting with transport.

On Thursday 23rd June Mrs Apostolakis took a team of eight year 6's to Honley High School to compete in a maths competition. Overall we came second which was brilliant!

There were four rounds. The first one was the hardest and was worded problems that were really difficult. The second round was a treasure hunt, where you could start at any question and work out your answer. There were twenty questions in that round and Honley managed 15! The third round was a crossword with sums. The twist was that you needed other answers to work out the next question.

In the final round you had to split into two groups and the first group worked out a question. Once the first group had done that they passed on that answer to the next team who used that to work out their questions. Even though we didn't win we all showed great sportsmanship and resilience and had a great afternoon! By Jake Johnstone 6H

Staffing and Organisation for 2016-17

There are some staffing changes for next year as Miss Hinchliffe and Miss Morritt will be leaving us. Miss Morritt is off to sunny Spain to teach in a school in Madrid and Miss Hinchliffe is extending her teaching experiences by moving to Hillside School to teach in Year 2. We are very sad to be losing them and thank them for all their hard work and commitment to school in their time with us. I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best as they embark on their exciting new challenges.

I am pleased to say that we have appointed Miss Claire Peddie who will join our teaching staff from September and Mrs Burns-Keane is to return on July 4th after her maternity leave.

The teachers for each year group are listed below and children will find out their classes on transition day on Tuesday 12th July.

Year 3 – Miss Tombleson and Miss Peddie

Year 4 – Miss Gabanski and Mrs Apostolakis

Year 5 – Mrs Burns-Keane and Mr Sunderland

Year 6 – Mrs Kingston, Mrs McLoughlin and Miss Giles

PPA teachers – Mrs Farquhar, Mrs Sykes and Mrs Ward

Mr Wood will be working with us again as our music specialist.

Diary Dates	Event
25.06.16	Summerfest
29.06.16	Showcase Assembly
29.06.16	Year 4 – Huddersfield Sports Barn
04.07.16	Year 4 – Eden Forests
05.07.16	Holmfirth High School – Transition Day
06.07.16	Year 6 - Hand to Mouth – Moving on journey
11.07.16	New Parents’ and carers’ meeting
12.07.16	Transition day including Honley High School
14.07.16	Year 6 Leavers Disco
18.07.16	Year 6 Music Hall Performance
19.07.16	Leavers’ Service at St. Mary’s 10:30am
20.07.16	School Closes for summer holidays
06.09.16	School opens