

Newsletter
Friday 31st March 2017

Y4 Wartime Baking

We thoroughly enjoyed baking buns last week, learning about rationing and comparing a modern recipe with one from war time. The differences in the buns were very clear and opinions were mixed about which ones were our favourites. Next, we will be designing our own buns by adapting the recipe and doing yet more cooking and baking! Please can your child bring an apron? We have a few in school, but not enough for everyone.

Y4 Trip to Eden Camp



4J and 4H really loved their trip to Eden Camp last week. They learnt a lot about World War 2. Alfie in 4H said he felt it was "fascinating", and Addison commented, "We learnt a lot. My best bit was the hut with the blitz because it was dark and realistic. I wasn't scared!" Manny said, "I loved all of it. Every bit. Even the gory U-boat!" India thinks it was really interesting and that all the children had an amazing time. Adam reported, "It was very realistic and really good for learning."

Year 6 Mini Football Competitions and Y5 Girls' Football

On Wednesday we sent 2 mixed year 6 teams to a football tournament to play at Honley High School. Both teams played really well and represented school wonderfully. One team won and the other came fourth. Well done to them all.

Our year 5 girls played against Christchurch and Moorlands last night at Deighton Arena. They represented school admirably despite playing against older year 6 girls – you upheld our school values of respect, resilience and of course fun and friendship. Thank you to Miss Tombleson for giving so readily of her time to all our sporting activities in school and to the parents who were able to offer positive support. Well done girls - keep going.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

We had a great Red Nose Day with children and staff paying to wear red, lots of jokes being told and some super cakes and buns to eat. The cake sale organisers had worked hard baking and then selling their delicious treats and their fund raising total was amazing!

During the day we had a visit from our Kirklees Learning Partner (LA consultant) who went into every class and commented on the outstanding behaviour of all our pupils.

Funds raised were:

Red noses - £210.00

Wearing red - £234.03

Cake sale - £179.72

Grand total - £623.75 Whoohoo!

Well done to everyone who contributed to this fun charity event. Thank you.

Cycling Week



Well done to all the children and adults who participated in Ride Your Bike to School Week.

Our in house cycling competition to see which year 5 class did the most cycling in the week was won by 5J who made 102 trips compared with 5H's 99. The children are now saying they would love a bike rack permanently at school so they could cycle more often – watch this space!

RSC Shakespeare Festival

Our school, along with several others in our area, is taking part in the Honley High School Shakespeare Festival. This year's play is the Tempest and will be performed at Beaumont Park on Friday 31st March 4.45 to 6.15pm. We hope the weather will be kind and you are able to come along to support all the actors.

FOHJS

Congratulations to March 50 Club winners. The winning numbers were 34, 1 and 44 winners have been notified.

Upcoming events:

- Easter Egg Raffle tickets on sale from Monday 3rd April for 50p each. Each class will have 1 large & 2 small eggs as prizes.
- Film night Friday 5th May 3:30-5:30pm tickets cost £5 - details to follow.
- Spring Disco Thursday 18th May - details to follow.
- Summerfest Saturday 24th June - please support us as this is potentially the last Junior School Summerfest!!

Gymnastics Finals

On Friday 17th March, our young gymnasts attended the Key Step Gymnastics competition at Pennine Gym Club in Honley.

It was a tough competition with lots of performances and key skills to remember. The practice paid off and the children's performances were fantastic. Both volunteers and teachers were impressed with the children's positive and mature attitudes and this has without doubt got them prepared for competitions in the future.

Well done to Evie G, Hannah J, Sophie M, Stephanie S and Anya M who have made it through to the Gymnastics finals at Deighton today. We'll let you know how they get on.

Best wishes to Mrs Kingston

Mrs Kingston has been recovering from an operation and is well on her way to recovery. We are hoping that she will be back in school after Easter. We wish Mrs Kingston well and thank Mrs Holden and 6J for all their hard work as they keep going working together ready for SATs.

Joining Schools

A final decision report will be taken on 4 April 2017 to Kirklees Cabinet (the council's main decision making body) for the members to consider. The report recommends that the proposals should be agreed and to move to implementation for 1 May 2017.

I would also like to inform you about a new development. Last summer the government launched an opportunity to bid for capital funding to help ensure sufficient places to meet the new demand for 30 hours free childcare. Kirklees Council and Honley Infant and Nursery School submitted a bid to meet the growing demand in the Holme Valley North which was successful. It is proposed the capital grant funding will be allocated to the provision of a childcare facility on the site of Honley Junior School. A report will also be taken to Kirklees Cabinet on 4 April 2017 titled: Preparing for "30 hours free childcare" for working parents.

You will receive another update next week after the Cabinet meeting has taken place. If you would like to read the latest reports, they are available on the Kirklees Council website. Please visit <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/cabinet> and click on 'Calendar of meetings'. Cabinet papers will be on the website from 5pm on 27 March 2017.

If you are thinking about school uniform for next year I suggest you don't buy anything new as more information will follow shortly once we have the decision from Cabinet.

Diary Dates

4/4/17	Easter service in St Mary's church 1:30pm Egg decorating competition
5/4/17	Proposed nursery questionnaires return deadline
6 & 7/4/17	PRIDE TIME - Whole school reward - maths and art workshops
7/4/17	School closes for the Easter Holiday
24/4/17	School opens Year 3 – Danelaw Viking Village
1/5/17	School Closed – May Day
5/5/17	FOHJS film night
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