

Newsletter 13th November 2015

The weather may be causing us a few problems this week with wet playtimes and fallen branches but everyone here is still working away hard and focusing on their learning. There is such a positive vibe in school with pupils all chipping away at their personal targets and creating some beautiful work in the process.

Year 6 Visit to Kingswood

This week year 6 have had a wonderful time at Kingswood, activities that they have participated in include: problem solving, low ropes, night line, Trail of Mystery, high ropes, Team Tech, Jacob's ladder and campfire. A huge thank you to the staff who accompanied the children on this visit and also to the children for behaving so well whilst away!

Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday 10th November a team of 18 children took part in the Honley Partnership Sports Hall Athletics competition. This is a fast and furious evening of running jumping and throwing events involving all 5 schools in the Honley Family. Due to the year 6 children's residential visit to Kingswood our team consisted wholly of year 5 children who performed amazingly well against other largely year 6 teams. The team work and commitment from our pupils was second to none and after the 12 events had been completed and the scores totalled our team finished a very close 3rd place with 123 points just 3 points behind the winning team Meltham Moor. Special mention should go to Hermione Booth and Jocelyn West who won all their events and thanks to Miss Hinchliffe and Mr Sunderland who came along with me to support and help with the teams.

PRIDE time

We have hit the magic target of 5000 gold slips again, therefore a PRIDE time has been triggered. On the afternoon of Thursday 19th November the children will all be participating in a fun activity as a reward for their contribution in meeting this whole school target.

Medication administration

A medication consent form must be completed before any medication can be administered. Forms are available from the office. Medicines must be labelled by a pharmacist with name and information of the required dosage. Thank you for your understanding in this request.

Parent Forum

Took place yesterday afternoon, thank you to those of you that joined us. Full minutes will be typed up and displayed on the school website. There was lots of very useful discussion, one of the ideas suggested was that where possible school communicate via email rather than letter, we will consult with you all on this matter shortly. We're looking forward to our next parent forum when we hope to see even more of you on: 5th February 2016 at 2:30pm. If you have a suggestion of the topic we should discuss please email the office.

Road Safety Photo Shoot



We were recently approached by PC Baines to take part in a community project to increase the usage of the zebra crossings in the village. The community police officers have voiced concerns about the number of families not using the crossings and putting their children in danger by crossing the main road in unsafe locations.

Posters will be located around the village soon, look out for our Fab Four showing our community how to “Get by with a little help from their friends” and “Help” them cross the road safely.

Chillax Room

Can you spare some junk?

Chillax, our lunchtime club, are planning to make an igloo from old plastic milk bottles (260 to be precise!) Please will you send clean 4-pint (2 litre) milk cartons into school for the attention of Miss Goggin.

We would also welcome donations of any old rope (e.g. old skipping ropes) for another junk modelling project. Thanks in advance for your support!

Year 5 Wolf Brother

As part of their current English and Topic work, Year 5 are reading the text *Wolf Brother*. *Wolf Brother* is the first book in the series *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* by Michelle Paver. *Wolf Brother* takes place 6000 years ago during the New Stone Age, and tells the story of twelve-year-old Torak, a boy of the Wolf Clan.

Year 5 are currently incorporating drama into their learning, everyone (especially Mr Sunderland) is enjoying this unit of work and making good progress too!



Governor Profiles

Each newsletter we aim to bring you the profiles of our School Governors. This issue Nicolle Burns-Keane shares information about herself:

Hi I'm Nicolle Burns-Keane, you know me best as Deputy Head Teacher but I also sit on the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor. I joined Honley Juniors in September 2012 and have loved my time here so far, I feel a part of the school community and privileged that I get to work with so many fantastic pupils, parents and their wider families as well as other members of our community.

Outside of school I spend most of my spare time with my family, I currently have 3 boys of primary age, who keep me on my toes and in touch with the realities of family life. I am expecting my fourth child in early December, so starting maternity leave in November. Whilst on Maternity leave I'm hoping

that, besides spending time being a Mum, I improve my baking repertoire and become better at patisseries.

I will miss school whilst I'm on maternity leave but will be keeping in touch with everyone.

FOHJS news

It was really lovely to see so many people at the meeting, both old and new faces! Thank you to those that responded to the call for support from the FOHJS.

Please see the flyer promoting our easy fundraising scheme, it cost you nothing to register on this website and school benefit every time you shop with associated retailers.

The Christmas fair is coming up on 10th December, please help us by supporting our Non-uniform day on 4th December. All you need to do to take part in this fun day is bring a donation for our chocolate tombola.



Remember

to raise this **Christmas**
Collect FREE donations for
Honley CE (VC) Junior School
when you shop online this Christmas!



We need you to...

- **1. Join**
Head to [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), search for us to start raising.
- **2. Shop**
There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board, so pick the one you want and start shopping.
- **3. Raise**
After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to us at no extra cost whatsoever!

Dairy Dates - We will add to this list throughout the year.

Date	Event / Activity
23.11.15	Road Safety Week
23.11.15	Year 5 Group 1 to Cliffe House
25.11.15	Year 5 Group 1 return from Cliffe House Year 5 Group 2 to Cliffe House
27.11.15	Year 5 Group 2 return from Cliffe House
4.12.15	Chocolate tombola FOHJS donation Non Uniform Day
4.12.15	Year 3 Funky Pharaoh Friday
09.12.15	Year 6 Greek Feast
09.12.15	Dick Whittington Pantomime
10.12.15	Christmas Fair FOHJS 6:00pm
15.12.15	Christmas Service at St. Mary's 1:30
18.12.15	School closes for Christmas holidays
04.01.16	INSET day
05.01.16	School reopens
20.01.16	FOHJS meeting 7:00 all welcome!
04.02.15	Valentines discos
05.02.16	Parent Forum 2:30
08.02.16	Huddersfield Giants Assembly
09.02.16	Christingle Service at St. Mary's 10:30
11.02.16	School Closes for INSET and half term holiday
22.02.16	School reopens
22.03.16	Easter Service at St. Mary's 10:30
24.03.16	School closes for Easter holidays
11.04.16	School reopens
w/c 09.05.15	SATS week
10.05.16	Pentecost Service at St. Mary's 10:30
16.05.16	Leavers photograph
26.05.16	School closes for INSET day and half term holidays
06.06.16	School reopens
12.07.16	Transition day
19.07.16	Leavers Service at St. Mary's 10:30
20.07.16	School Closes for summer holidays

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