

Newsletter
Friday 21st October 2016

We have had a really productive first half term this year with lots of exciting learning taking place for all our pupils. There have been many visitors to school from the LA, Diocese and other agencies and everyone has commented on what a great feel there is in school and what hard working pupils and committed staff we have. Thank you for all your support.

Sports news

Hockey

Last Thursday a team of volunteers from year 6 travelled with Mrs Farquhar to Lockwood Park to take part in a hockey festival with other schools in our pyramid. Once again the weather was not in our favour but despite getting soaked the team of Gregory Wood, Joe Hepworth, Aoife Kerry and Eleanor Haigh had a great time and learnt lots of new skills which they were able to put to good effect when they competed this Thursday in the Kirklees Quicksticks Tournament also at Lockwood Park.



Cross country

Last Wednesday 12th October 16 of our children, teams from year 4 girls and boys, year 5 girls and also Harrison Lisle in Year 5, took part in the Kirklees Cross Country Finals held at Leeds Road Playing Field. Despite driving rain and very cold conditions our children all ran incredibly well with real determination and resilience. We received the results yesterday and found out that all 16 of them have qualified for the next round of competition at the West Yorkshire Games which will be held in March at Leeds Beckett University. We are extremely proud of all of these children.



Year 4 girls' team 5th and boys 2nd place
Jonathan C. individual 8th



Year 5 girls team 4th place
Alice B. individual 5th and Frankie M. 18th



Harrison L. individual 8th

Athletics

With the annual Sports Hall Athletics Tournament taking place after half term our year 6 children have been working hard on their athletics skills in their PE lessons. On Tuesday the whole of the year group took part in our very own Athletics tournament. They all took part in a sprint race and then in groups completed 9 other activities. Once again we got soaked but the children were amazing, did not let the rain dampen their spirits and showed of their athletic prowess. The sports Hall tournament will take place on Thursday 3rd November at Holmfirth High School 4-5.30pm.

Football



Year 3 Inter-form football - Miss Peddie's class and Miss Tombleson's held an inter-form match as part of their PE learning this half term. Both classes did really well and showed great etiquette! Can you spot the ball?

Boys Year 6 - Our team remains unbeaten after their matches against Meltham Moor, Brockholes and Helme (2-0, 5-0 and 3-0).

Boys Year 5 – This team played 2 matches; a win against Huddersfield Grammar but lost against St Patricks.

Year 5/6 girls' team - Played excellently against Newsome, St Josephs and Oakes and drew against Newsome but lost both their other matches.

Well done to all our teams for representing school so well. Thank you.

School Clubs

We have two new clubs run by Project Sport starting after the half term holiday. Adventure Club after school club on Thursdays for anyone who enjoys a challenge or solving problems, this will be a great way to test those skills and American Dodgeball which will be on Friday lunchtimes, a fantastic opportunity for children to learn a variety of new skills. To join children can collect a letter from the childrens' noticeboard or to find out more see Miss Tombleson.

Road Safety Training



Here are a couple of road safety tips from our year 3 pupils after their road safety training.

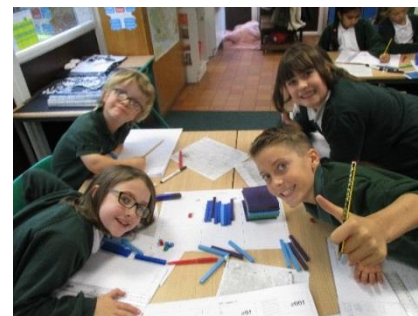
- Grace - Walk on the opposite side of the kerb so if a car parks up you are safe because they can see you!
- Josh - If there are 2 cars parked and you are stepping out, the driver will not be able to see you so step back.

There is increased traffic around the bottom gate into school as a new company has started trading. Lorries may well be delivering and turning at the start or end of the school day. If your child comes to school unattended you might want them to use the main entrance instead.

Please do your bit to help our children stay safe by not driving into the car park, ensuring you and your child always use the pedestrian path when walking into school and by parking away from school at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.

School Improvement Plan – Maths

Miss Gabanski has been leading maths training sessions for staff and the use of apparatus is well embedded in our good practice. Here are some children from different year groups enjoying their maths work and using concrete modelling methods to reinforce key concepts.



Greek Feast



On Thursday, Year 6 hosted their Ancient Greek Feast. This was the outcome of a lot of preparation, as our topic this half term was all about researching relevant information and planning for the event. This included: Greek dance; the children's own musical compositions based on the characters of Greek gods and goddesses; storytelling and singing.

We had a fantastic number of parents and carers to join in the feasting, and all enjoyed the range of Greek food, all prepared by the children themselves. The highlight was definitely being able to summon a 'slave' to serve it all - and to clear it all up afterwards!

The children did a wonderful job, showing such a range of skills in all they did and we were very proud of them. We do need to especially thank Mrs Rayner, Mrs Newton, Mrs Schoolar and Mrs Hampshire who worked tirelessly to organise the children in planning, preparing and serving the food.

Book Fair

The book fair was a great success thanks to all for your support. Our total takings from the fair were £596.31 which meant that school raised £297.79 to spend on lovely new books for our library and class bookshelves. Thank you to Mrs Holden for organising the fair and to all the different members of staff who manned the trollies each day after school. Happy reading everyone!

**HONLEY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON
SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2016
3PM TILL 7.30PM IN HONLEY PARK**

- **SANTA'S GROTTO 3PM**
- **FOOD & DRINKS**
- **MULLED WINE**
- **MUSIC FROM 3PM**
- **ENTERTAINMENT**
- **PARADE 5.45-6PM**
- **FACE PAINTING**
- **FIREWORKS 7PM**
- **FAMILY FUN**
- **FAIR GROUND RIDES**



Latest News from FOHJS

Fashion Show - Thank you to everyone who modelled and attended our recent fashion show. It was a lovely evening with some great bargains to be had. This fun fundraiser earned us £200 for school.

AGM – The FOHJS held there AGM on Tuesday 18th October which I'm pleased to report was very productive; thanks to Rachel Cartwright for staying on as Chair, Claire French as Vice Chair, Jenny Green as Treasurer and Cathy Kirby as Secretary. A full schedule of events was planned for the year including discos, non-uniform day, Christmas film night and many others. See diary dates below for the up and coming dates.

Parents'/Carers' Evening and Big Draw

If you were unable to attend parents' / carers' evenings please contact the school office or your child's class teacher to organise a mutually convenient time for you to meet with your child's teacher. It is important not to miss these meetings as they are so beneficial for your child's well-being and progress.

During parents'/carers' evening this year we invited you and your child to continue some mathematical patterns or create new ones for themselves. Thank you to everyone who joined in –there were some lovely drawings and great ideas. Thanks too to Mrs Sykes for organising this for us.

Harvest Celebration

It was lovely to see so many family members and friends at our Harvest Celebration on Tuesday 18th October at St Mary's church. Reverend Beadle was there to welcome us and each year group presented a short performance on the harvest theme. Reverend Beadle commented on how thought provoking the content of the performances was.

Thank you for all your kind donations of money, toiletries, dried and tinned food and kitchenware for the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield. Mrs Ward will now drop off our donations ready for the centre to distribute to those who need them.

Uniform

It is wonderful to see our school looking so very smart with all children in school uniform. Thank you for working with us to wear plain black school shoes and school uniform.

Playtime snacks

Thank you to everyone for making a great effort to stick to fruit/veg for snacks. Well done.

Diary Dates

Date	Event / Activity
Friday 21st October	School closes for half term
Monday 31 st October	School opens
Tuesday 1 st November	Sports Hall athletics competition 1-3pm
Tuesday 1 st November	Locala – Year 6 Height and Weight measurements
Wednesday 2 nd November	NSPCC assembly – keeping safe
Wednesday 2 nd November	School dinner theme day - National Roast Dinner Day
Thursday 3 rd November	Autumn Discos Year 3&4 6-7pm Year 5&6 7:15-8:15pm
Friday 4 th November	School dinner theme day - Bonfire Night
Saturday 6 th November	Pennine Sports Partnership Gymnastics Event
Monday 7 th November	Year 5 NSPCC workshop
Monday 7 th November	Year 6 Kingswood residential visit
Tuesday 8 th November	FOHJS meeting 6pm
Wednesday 16 th November	NSPCC visit
Thursday 17 th November	Parent/Carer consultation evening event (6-7pm) regarding the proposed joining of the Honley Schools at Honley Infant School. Everyone welcome from both schools.
Friday 18 th November	Parent/Carer consultation afternoon event (2-3pm) regarding the proposed joining of the Honley Schools at Honley Junior School. Everyone welcome from both schools.
Monday 21 st November	Y5 Group 1 Cliffe House Residential
Wednesday 23 November	Y5 Group 2 Cliffe House Residential
Monday 28 th November	NSPCC – Thank you assembly
Thursday 1 st December	Non –uniform day - chocolate collection for the tombola. FOHJS Christmas Fair
Saturday 3 rd December	Honley Street Market
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Service in Church 1:30pm
Thursday 15 th December	Choir performing at the Trinity Centre for our senior citizens.
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Film night 3:30-6:00pm
Friday 16 th December	School closes for Christmas
Wednesday 4 th January	School opens (Tuesday 3 rd INSET day)