

Newsletter September 2015

Welcome to the new School Year from our Chair of Governors and Head Teacher

Welcome back to school everyone. We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are rested and refreshed ready for an exciting new year of learning and fun at Honley Junior School. 2014-15 was a great time for our school and we are now looking forward to achieving even more together this year. Our committed and talented teaching and support team continues to grow and develop to enable our pupils to meet their potential through a relevant, rich and exciting curriculum. Similarly, our Governing Body also continues to strengthen in order to provide the support and challenge required to enable our school to become the very best it can be. If you are interested in joining the Governing Body we have a vacancy which will be advertised shortly. We thank you for your support as we start another year full of enthusiasm for and dedication to meeting the needs of our pupils and school community.

Mike Kilroy and Linda Goodall

Outstanding SIAMS Inspection Outcome

We are delighted to announce the outcome of our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools) as outstanding in all areas. The inspection took place on 1st July and involved observations of teaching in all classes, 2 RE lessons, lunchtime playtime and collective worship. The inspector, Lorraine Hanson, also spoke with governors, staff, senior and subject leaders, pupils, parents and Mr Beadle to ensure she had a full understanding of school. If you would like to read the full document it is available on our school website. The main judgements are summarised below.

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Honley Junior as a Church of England school are outstanding

- *Inspired leadership of the headteacher and senior leaders promote strong teamwork, which has rapidly moved this school forward as a church school*
- *The strong and explicit Christian character of the school nurtures commitment, children's exemplary behaviour and excellent relationships at all levels in the school*
- *The outstanding personal development of the children is fostered throughout school, through strong partnerships with the local church of St Mary's and the local community*
- *The Christian character and values of the school impact significantly on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of learners*

Areas to improve

- *Provide further opportunities for spiritual development and enrichment of worship through the utilisation of the superb outside spaces for collective worship and reflection*
- *Develop children's understanding of Christianity as a multi-cultural world faith, through learning about Christians in other countries*

Thank you and well done to everyone who contributed to this great outcome for our pupils and school including those parents who came on the day and were brave enough to be grilled by the inspector.

Hurray for Honey Juniors - School Games Silver Award!

We are also very proud to announce that school's great work in promoting and developing pupils' skills, knowledge and enjoyment of PE, sports and activity has been recognised with a silver award from Sainsbury's School Games.

Miss Hinchliffe and Mrs Farquhar put our bid together just before the holidays outlining all the work we do in school to promote active and healthy life styles. This detailed the fantastic enthusiasm and effort our pupils display in all the different activities, competitions, clubs and events. Well done again to everyone!



Parent Forum

To follow on from the highly useful visioning evening we have created a new opportunity for parents and community members to work with school. We are hoping to meet once a term to discuss & provide Parent Forum solutions to issues raised by parents, school & the local community. We hope to host our first Parent Forum on Thursday 12th November at 2:30pm. More details to follow.

Staffing

We welcome Mr Adam Sunderland to our teaching team. Mr Sunderland is teaching 5S this year, we're looking forward to adding his many skills to our team.

We are really happy that Miss Tombleson has joined our teaching team this year. She is teaching 3H this year and is excited about joining our school.

We also are lucky to have 3 new ETAs in school: Mrs Leanne Newton, Mrs Natasha Goggin and Mrs Julie Roebuck. They will work across all year groups.

I'm sure you'll join us in making them all feel welcome at Honley Juniors.

We congratulate Mrs Burns-Keane who is expecting a baby in December, she is hoping to work until late November and return in the summer term.

Driveway

Over the summer holidays Kirklees Council tarmacked the school driveway. In the near future it is hoped we will receive a new gate at the top of the drive and a fence to the path at the side of the car park to ensure pedestrian safety.

Twitter and Facebook

We now have a Twitter account and Facebook page. Please follow us @honleyjuniors and like us on www.facebook.com/honleyjuniors so that you can access non-emergency messages and updates through social media.

Learning Letters

Each year group's class teachers will be sending out a letter next week outlining learning for this half term, important dates and how you can best support your child in this first term. Please don't hesitate to contact teachers if you have any further questions.

Clubs and Music Tuition

Letters for sports clubs have been handed out to all children that showed an interest following a presentation in assembly. More clubs will be advertised as the term progresses. Club letters can found on the pupils' notice board.

Should you wish for your child to access Kirklees Music school lessons information can be collected from the school office.

Start of the School Year Reminders:

Uniform

- Thank you to everyone for sending the children looking so smart and ready for their learning. Please remember the only jewellery permitted are small plain studs as earrings and watches.

Road Safety

- Please remember that children are not to be dropped off or picked up in the car park.
- Also for the safety of our children, please drive and park considerately around school taking notice of the zigzags at the top of the school drive.

Absences/Lateness

- Unplanned absence - please remember to inform the office by 9.15am on the day
- Planned absence – please complete an application for leave of absence form available from the school office/email to request the absence in advance

Arrival

- School takes responsibility for pupils at 8:50am and classroom doors open at this time and there is a member of staff on duty. Morning registration is at 9:00am. Afternoon registration is 1:00pm. Pupils arriving after these times will need to come to the school office to be signed in and will be recorded as late.

Medicines and illness

- Pupils must remain away from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness/diarrhoea and be well enough to eat.
- 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 require dosage.

Communication

- Please ensure all contact details are up to date on our system. Please inform us if not! Please check bags regularly for homework and letters.

Belongings/Lost Property

- Please ensure all uniform items are labelled and check the lost property box in Room 9 for any missing items.
- Lost property is displayed in the dining hall of at the end of each half term, if not claimed it is donated to the charity shop.

Dairy Dates

- You will receive a list of dates that we hope you find useful for the coming school year. Dates will be added to this list as the year progresses.

HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Diary Dates

Date	Event / Activity
09.09.15	3H Educational visit to Bagshaw Museum, Batley
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10.09.15	Year 6 Learning to Learn conference
14.09.15	Year 4 Educational Visit to Dewa Museum, Chester
14.09.15	Parent helper meeting 2:30
21.09.15	FOHJS Cheese and Wine evening 7:00
23.09.15	Year 5 Planetarium to visit school
29.09.15	Parents evening 3:30 – 7:30
02.10.15	INSET day
07.10.15	Parents evening 3:30 – 6:00
13.10.15	Harvest Service at St. Mary's 10:30
23.10.15	School closes for half term holiday
02.11.15	School reopens
09.11.15	Year 6 to Kingswood
11.11.15	Year 6 return from Kingswood
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
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
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
10.05.16	Pentecost Service at St. Mary's 10:30
27.05.16	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