



Hello and Farewell

I am sure you'll join us in congratulating the Burns-Keane family on their new arrival. Mrs Burns-Keane had her baby boy, Griffin, on Saturday 28th November (the first day of her maternity leave!). Both are doing well and we can't wait to see them.

Our much loved and long-serving ETA, Mrs Sykes has decided to retire to spend more time with her husband and family. We are very sad to see her go but wish her very happy times and thank her for all her hard work and commitment to school over the last 16 years. We hope she will pop in to see us now and again to share her holiday tales!

We have appointed 2 new ETAs to join our fantastic team of teaching assistants; Mrs Carole Moir and Mrs Rachel Cartwright. Both will start after Christmas so we look forward to officially welcoming them to school in January.

Skipathon

To support the British Heart Foundation Miss Hinchliffe organised a whole school skipping event on Monday 7th December. Everyone had a good time during their skipping session whilst raising funds for this good cause. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part and to those who donated money by sponsoring pupils



Wolf Brother Tea Party

On the morning of Friday 11th December Year 5 held a 'Wolf Brother' Tea Party. The year 5 classrooms became tea shops like Betty's and everyone had a great time reviewing their class reader, Wolf Brother. Miss Goodall was very pleased as she had to observe in all 3 classrooms to evaluate the quality of the learning and the cakes! Thank you to everyone who baked and contributed cakes to make it such a lovely literary morning.



Library Visits



Thank you to Mrs Apostolakis who has organised for everyone in school to visit the library. The first library visits have taken place and the feedback from pupils is very positive as they love choosing books and sharing them with their classmates.

Community Spirit this Christmas

The choir brought lots of good cheer to the sheltered housing residents at Trinity Court on Tuesday afternoon. Led by Mr Wood, they sang lots of their favourite Christmas tunes which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and they even invited our choir back to perform at Easter time. Thank you to the choir for representing school so well.



FOHJS Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was a great success thanks to the huge efforts made by FOHJS team, staff and all the people who turned up to support school. Santa's grotto was as busy as ever along with Secret Santa and all the fun games dotted around in classrooms. All the different stalls put on an amazing display and the Christmas goodies in the cafe went down a treat. Our choir was in action again keeping us entertained with some super festive songs led by Mr Wood. Well done to FOHJS and everyone who supported us.

Year 5 SPICED Workshop

As part of the Year 5's programme of work on drugs awareness parents and carers are invited to the first family workshop on Wednesday 13th Jan, from 5.30 - 6.30pm. The session will allow our pupils to explore drugs related issues along with their peers and parents / carers.



Christmas Service at St Mary's Church

The whole school participated in our Christmas service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 15th December. It was great to see so many parents, carers, friends and family there to celebrate with us. After Reverend Beadle had welcomed us into church there were Bible readings, Christmas carols led by Mr Wood, along with four dramas from each year group based on the carol 'In the Bleak Mid Winter'. The carol's words are taken from the poem by Christina Rossetti and each group took a verse and created a theatrical piece which was acted out using suitcases as props to symbolise the journey through the nativity story. Nathan Webster performed on the piano and played the incidental music to the theatrical pieces. Thank you to all the pupils and staff who worked hard to make it such a lovely service.

'Tis the Season to be Jolly

Each year group held their own party this week. Here are some of the merry moments.



Parent Link Partner

My name is Angela Holden and I am an Educational Teaching Assistant, Learning Mentor and Cover Supervisor. In addition I am the school's Parent Link Partner.

My role as PLP means that I am available as a point of contact to all parents for any queries, support or advice. I am working with our new Parent Forum to give you the opportunity to be involved in developing our school for the future.

You may well meet me at one of the events in school, or at the school gate. I am available in school from 8.30am – 3.45pm every day as well as by email; angela.holden@honleyjuniors.co.uk

I look forward to developing the partnership between parents and school and hope that some of you will be able to attend a parent forum meeting to share your ideas. The next meeting is on Friday 5th February 2016 at 2.30pm and, yes, we do have biscuits!



Diary Dates

Date	Event / Activity
18.12.15	School closes for Christmas holidays
04.01.16	INSET day
05.01.16	School reopens
13.01.16	SPICED introduction Year 5 parents & pupils 5.30 – 6.30pm
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 09.05.16	Year 6 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
w/c 20.06.16	Olympic Sports Week
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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**Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
From Everyone at Honley CE (VC) Junior School**

