

**Newsletter**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Year 6 Library Visits**

All our year 6 pupils have visited Huddersfield Library recently to take part in a Victorian workshop as part of this term's topic work. During the day there was an opportunity to do some drama around the theme of Oliver Twist and they were also able to investigate the 1881 census for Honley which was fascinating. All three classes were complimented by the library staff on their conduct and enthusiasm. Well done year 6 for representing school so well.



Ask your child to share their wonderful creative writing based on their work about Oliver Twist – you'll be amazed!

**New Clubs**

Blogging club has been working hard in setting up bloggers for each year group. We intend to launch our blog next Monday lunchtime. Our blogger journalists are busy compiling stories to report on. Keep your eyes open.

Mrs McLoughlin has been overwhelmed by the numbers of children interested in participating in Enterprise Club. Last year we were award winners in the Alternative Market School competition and we are hopeful again as there are so many budding entrepreneurs waiting to show their talents and get selling!

**Christingle Services and The Children's Society Collection**



Our Christingle services are being held at St Mary's church on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. The year 3 and 4 service will be at 10:30am followed by the years 5 and 6 service at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to join us. This year the organisation will be a little different so that family, parents and carers are able to sit with their child in church whilst the class teacher is still be able to retain full supervision of their class. In order to make this work parents and carers are asked to come to school and wait outside their child's classroom door so that they can walk together to church and be seated with their class.

Today your child will have brought home a Children's Society Christingle candle collection box which we would be grateful if you could use to collect loose change to donate to help

children who need help in their lives. The boxes will be collected in school and taken along to the church on the day of the services. We are grateful for any amount you collect. Thank you.

## Sports Hall Athletics

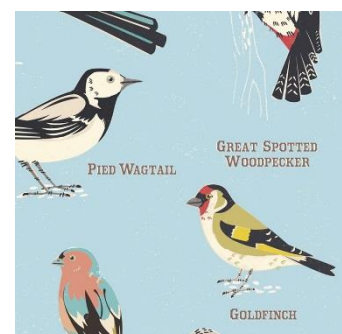


We are competing in the Pennine Sports Partnership Final for which we qualified after winning our pyramid competition back in November. There are 15 teams taking part and the standard is usually very high. The top 2 teams will progress to the Kirklees final on Tuesday 7th February and from that schools go to the West Yorkshire final – so it is all very exciting.

Thank you to parents and carers who volunteered to transport the children and to Mrs Farquhar and Miss Giles for working with the children to prepare them for their events. I'll keep you informed of their results.

## RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Mrs Apostolakis' assembly yesterday drew our children's attention to this weekend 28-30 January being the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Lots of children took identification sheets away with them. It is a great opportunity to enjoy some time together out in the garden (or watch from the window if the weather is too chilly!) and be part of the world's largest wildlife survey. Last year 500,000 people took part! The Big Garden Birdwatch helps to build a picture of garden wildlife across the UK and you can take part by registering for your FREE pack, full of fascinating facts, tips and advice here: <https://ww2.rspb.org.uk>.



## **PRIDE time**

Our wonderful children are working hard to earn their dojos so that they can collect their bronze, silver and gold badges. Many children have already achieved their bronze badge this year. The school is also working together to collect dojos to earn PRIDE time. The children earned 30, 000 last term and enjoyed the pantomime just before Christmas and they have almost reached their next goal 60,000 this term. Well done everyone.

## **Local Authority Health and Safety Warning**

We would like to remind parents and carers to always read and follow the instructions carefully when using chemical insecticide products, typically sold in chemists, to treat head lice. This is because these treatments contain flammable elements. You should not therefore use hair dryers, or any other ignition source such as matches, lighters and candles near anyone during the treatment process whilst the product is being used. This advisory note follows a recent incident in West Yorkshire in which a child's hair was accidentally set alight during treatment resulting in the child sustaining serious injuries.'

## **Reminders**

- Please take care now the weather is colder and use gritted paths around school.
- Thank you to children and parents/carers who are supporting school by wearing plain black shoes/boots, no jewellery (only plain gold/silver studs) and no nail varnish. We are looking very smart and ready for work.
- School opens and we take responsibility for pupils from 8:50am, classroom doors open at this time and there is a member of staff on duty in the yard. Parents are welcome to drop their child off at the classroom door. Morning registration is at 9:00am and 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. School finishes at 3:25pm and pupils can be collected from the classroom door or either gate. Staff are always present at the main gate.

## Diary Dates

31/1/17	Hand to Mouth journey with Year 5
3/2/17	Year 6 football tournament
6/2/17	Y6 – National Coal Mining Museum
6/2/17	Community and Parents/Carers Prayer meeting 2pm Parish Rooms
7/2/17	Christingle services: 10:30am - Years 3 & 4      11:00am – Years 5 & 6
13/2/17	FOHJS meeting 2pm
14/2/17	Valentines' Disco      6:00-7:00pm - Years 3 & 4      7:15-8:15pm - Years 5 & 6
17/2/17	School closes
27/2/17	School opens
1/3/17	Strictly Dance Festival – LBT - 5:15pm-7:00pm
9/3/17	Parents' and carers' evening
14/3/17	Parents' and carers' evening