

Newsletter 23rd October 2015

Goodness, how fast this half term has flown by, everyone is now settled and beginning to make progress against the End of Year Expectations. We wish you a wonderful, relaxing half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school safe and well on **Monday 2nd November**.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all who attended our Harvest Service, each year group did an excellent job in presenting being thankful for all the wonderful things around us: Autumn, Animals, Families and Friends.

Book Fair

The book fair has been a success with lots of you visiting the fair and buying some great reads to snuggle up with over half term. In addition to this the fair raised £88 for school funds. Well done to Mrs Apostolakis for organising this and all other staff who helped.

Year 6 applications to High School

If your child is in Year 6 this year and moving onto high school next September you need to have completed your online application (<https://enrol.kirklees.gov.uk/ENROL/default.aspx>) by **Saturday 31st October**. You will need a valid email address plus your child's name and date of birth to complete the application. If you do not fill in the application before this date, your child will not be guaranteed a place at the closest high school and you could be allocated a place at any high school in Kirklees.

Our first half term at Honley Juniors by members of Year 3

'We were a bit worried before we started at the Junior school, some of us thought that our brothers and sisters would embarrass us, they haven't though and we're loving our time here. There is much more space here and the playground is huge, with lots of grass and an exciting trim trail to play on at break times.

The lessons are different because the books are a different format to the infants, there are more people in the class too, but that's good because we have lots of friends in our classes. Our teachers challenge us and put us in the learning pit, but they help us out and we learn.

So far this year we have learned lots about ancient Egypt, at the moment we're writing instructions for embalming a mummy, that's really cool! We've also written a story about Osiris, Seth and Isis. When we went on our visit to Bagshaw museum we enjoyed looking around the museum and drew our names on papyrus in hieroglyphics.

The FOHJS disco was really good, especially the refreshments. We need to get better at joining our handwriting and our times tables. We're looking forward to next half term and the run up to Christmas in our new school, we feel really at home here, have made new friends with older children and the teachers are friendly and helpful.'

Thanks to Year 3 for sharing their thoughts, we have really enjoyed seeing them grow so much already and are looking forward to next term also.

Awesome Autumn Sports...

Cracking Cross Country Report

On Wednesday 14th October, our 7 qualifying children competed in the Kirklees Cross Country Final at Leeds Road Playing Fields. All the children performed absolutely brilliantly, with the Year 4 boys' team (Jonah Thackeray, Adam Brooke, Luke Sheard, Jaxon Donkersley and Isaac Jepson) all finishing between 6th and 30th place out of almost 100 competitors! Alice Bridge paced herself wonderfully to come 11th in the Year 3/4 girls' final and Hermione Booth was extremely resilient in the extra-long Year 5/6 girls' race, finishing 3rd and gaining a bronze medal! We are all extremely proud of the children's efforts. Thank you to parents for your support - Great news: Everyone who went to the X country final has qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals in Leeds on 17th March!! Y4 boys' team came 2nd overall, an excellent effort by all!



Gymnastics Festival

On Saturday 17th October, Honley Junior School Gymnastics Club participated in the first ever Pennine Gym Festival. Fourteen of our children attended and performed a beautiful routine of rolls, turns and some spectacular team lifts! Thanks to Ms. Goldthorpe for coaching them so well. We are looking forward to next year already!

Year 3 Dodgeball Tournament

This Monday we held our first SSOC (School Sports Organising Crew) organised event. Year 6 have organised teams, checked equipment, ensured all children were involved, that they all knew the rules and organised and umpired matches. The experience for Year 6 children was fun and they have learned lots for their next event, they are hoping to organise an event every half term, ideas in the pipeline include Zumba and mini-Olympics.

Year 4 Football Tournament

This week, the Year 4s have been thinking about our school values through inter-form football. As well as competing in A, B and C teams, they have completed a drama workshop about resilience, fun & friendship, honesty and respect, as well as learning how to win and lose with grace. Every single child was fantastic! Congratulations to 4J A and B teams and 4H C team who came out as the overall winners. These teams have been invited to a friendly competition at Huddersfield Grammar.

Girls Football Week

The official (national) girl's football week was from the 5th October, here at Honley CE (VC) Juniors we have had a dramatic increase in attendance at the sessions provided by KAL on Wednesday lunchtimes. The girls and Mr Hind have all learned new skills and are looking forward to future sessions.

Governor Profiles

Each newsletter we aim to bring you the profiles of our School Governors. This issue Liam Beadle a Foundation Governor introduces himself as well as Hannah Giles who is our staff Governor:

'I'm the Vicar of Honley and serve as a foundation governor here at Honley Junior School and also at Brockholes School.

I grew up in Newcastle and attended a community state primary school in the east end of the city before moving to a boys' day grammar school which had been 'Direct Grant' before the reforms of the 1970s. From there I went to Oxford to read Theology, and worked for some time in London before reading for a Master's degree at St John's College, Durham.

Before I moved to Honley I served as the Assistant Minister of a large church in north London, where there was a lively church primary school. It was there I honed my skills (still developing!) in presiding at collective worship. As a foundation governor, one of my particular interests is in making sure our school is a safe place for people of all faiths and none, and that spiritual development continues to be a priority for us. I also represent a key link with the worshipping community at St Mary's church, who pray regularly for the school and take a keen interest in its life.

Liam Beadle.'

'I am currently teaching in Year 3 at Honley Junior School as well as being the staff representative on our governing body and also working closely alongside FOHJS. Prior to becoming a teacher I had a huge passion for dancing and acting (singing was never and will never be one of my strengths!). I travelled around the country entering competitions and I even managed to successfully complete some exams which would have enabled me to perform in the West End. However after finishing college and starting university the commitments of my course were far greater than I anticipated and I wanted to put everything into achieving at university rather than pursuing with my dancing and acting. Out of school I play netball and I am currently looking for a local team to play for.

Hannah Giles.'

Art Club Success

Our Tuesday Art Club led by Mrs Sykes has produced a wonderful scene of Honley Village in the style of Folk Art. Folk art is rooted in traditions that come from community and culture, it expresses cultural identity by conveying shared community values and aesthetics. Art club used drawing inks, poscas pens, buttons and other adornments to create this master piece.



Spare football boots and shin pads

If you have any spare football boots and shin pads at home could you donate them to school? We have a few lunchtime clubs that children require these items for. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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

Date	Event / Activity
23.10.15	School closes for half term holiday
02.11.15	School reopens
09.11.15	Year 6 to Kingswood
09.11.15	Interform Football Honley –v- Huddersfield Grammar
11.11.15	Year 6 return from Kingswood FOHJS meeting 7:00pm All welcome!
12.11.15	Parent Forum
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	Year 3 Funky Pharaoh Friday
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
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
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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