

Newsletter 1st October 2015

Autumn is definitely upon us as leaves have begun to fall from the trees and there's a definite chill in the air. Please make sure your child has a jumper and coat with them every day as we are trying to be outside for our learning and play whenever possible.

Cross Country

On Tuesday around 50 runners from our school competed in the Honley and Holmfirth schools cross country races. There were excellent performances from our children in all the 6 races with the year 3/4 teams of both boys and girls running especially strongly and with a real chance of qualifying for the Kirklees finals on October 14th. In addition to some spirited team performances there were also some excellent individual results. In the year 5 race Hermione Booth finished in 3rd place and in the year 3/4 race Isaac Jepson finished 2nd. Well done to all our competitors.

Book Fair

Our book fair this term is from 14th to 20th October after school each evening 3:30 until 4:00. Children will have received their leaflets by now – if not please ask for another or just pop in to the book fair to see the great selection on offer! Last year we raised over £500 and used it to replace our supply of school dictionaries, every purchase benefits our children, thank you for your support of this event.

Parents' and Carers' evenings

We had a fantastic turn out this Tuesday for Parents evening and are looking forward to next Wednesday too. If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange one for next Wednesday. Please see and complete the parent questionnaire on page 3 of this newsletter about the evening. We'd love to get your feedback – thank you.

Asthma

As we are entering Autumn, typically a wheezy time for people suffering from asthma, we ask you to check that we know your child is asthmatic and what their treatment is. If your child is asthmatic please let the office know and check that if needed we have a named inhaler in school. You will be asked to complete a short medical form to confirm your permission for your child to self-administer their inhaler.

Year 5 Planetarium visit.



On Wednesday 23rd September, a planetarium came to school and all of Year 5 had an hour in it. Inside there was a projector and we watched lots of videos through it; these were about the solar system. The video which most people found the most breath-taking was one about one of Jupiter's moons. We learned that there's a thick layer of ice as its surface and that underneath is ocean. Scientists believe there are black smokers in this ocean and we have black smokers on Earth and on our smokers there are some living creatures. What if there are these creatures on Jupiter's moon? Could these be the first aliens scientists find?

By Elena Hartley-Curran 5H

INSET day tomorrow

Tomorrow school is not open to children as we are having an in-service training day. School will reopen to pupils on Monday morning – enjoy your long weekend.

Dog Free Site

We are a dog free site to ensure that our pupils are safe from the associated hazards that come with dogs. Thank you for not bringing dogs on to school premises both during school time and out of school hours.

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!

Honley Juniors sharing learning with other schools

Over the past few weeks we have been sharing learning with other schools in the area. We have hosted 2 staff meetings about restorative practice led by Alistair Whitelaw which both the Infant School and High School attended and a safe practice in PE course to which again the Infant School attended. It is fantastic that our school is a place which the community can use as a centre of learning.



Free School Meals

Even if your child has sandwiches at lunchtime if you are entitled to Free School Meals, please let us know as it can make a significant difference to our overall school budget and the provision we offer our pupils.

Pupil photos

Pupil photographs will take place on 12th October before lunch, once photographs have been processed they will be sent home with the children with full instructions of how to purchase them should you wish to.

FOHJS

Thank you to those of you who have stepped up in an hour of need and volunteered to become part of this vital group for our school. FOHJS are always on the lookout for new committee members and those of you who are available to help on a more ad-hoc basis. If you can help Friends in any way please get in touch with Rachel Cartwright or leave your details with the office.

The Autumn Disco for the children will be on: Thursday 15th October look out for the letter from FOJHS about this.

Governor Profiles

Each newsletter we aim to bring you the profiles of one of our School Governors. This issue David Hewitt a Foundation Governor who recently joined the Governing body introduces himself as well as Mike Kilroy who is our Chair of Governors:

'Hi I'm David Hewitt and pleased to be with you all. I've been living in Honley for four years and have two children in school, in Honley their ages are five and two. We attend as a family, St. Mary's Church, Honley and I have an invested interest school wise. Look forward to working alongside you all, thanks David.'

*'Hi I'm Mike Kilroy,
I have spent over 25 years in industry, at senior management and board level plus 12 years as MD of my successful business.*

As well as being Chair of Governors at Honley Junior School, I am Chair of a national creative arts based charity, a contributor to an All Party Parliamentary Group, and a member of a UK arts focused strategic steering group. I am an amateur brass musician and have played for some of the world's finest brass bands such as Brighouse, Rastrick and Grimethorpe Colliery.

It has been great to see the Junior School develop and be recognised for its achievements over the years. The wider community becoming an integral part of the overarching learning community makes me particularly proud.'

Parents' and Carers' evening Questionnaire – Please cut out and return to school.

How has your child settled in school this year? _____

Do you feel the new sheet shared at parents' and carers' evenings is helpful? Yes/No

Is there anything further you'd like to see added to the sheet for next time? _____

Writing is a focus for us this year. Do you have any ideas about how can we help you to help your children at home?

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

Date	Event / Activity
02.10.15	INSET day
07.10.15	Parents evening 3:30 – 6:00
09.10.15	Honley/Holmfirth Cross country Championships @ Neiley
12.10.15	Pupil Photos
13.10.15	Harvest Service at St. Mary's 10:30
14.10.15	Book Fair starts
15.10.15	Autumn Disco FOHJS
20.10.15	Book Fair ends
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
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
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
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

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