

20 October 2016

## School Update – October 2016

This is the first update for this school year. In addition to this update we have also prepared a diary for the coming half term (see attached). If you change your e-mail address, please let the office know and we will amend your details.

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### Website

Please check the school website (<http://holmfirthjinschool.net>) for regular daily updates from Mr Rose other information is shown on the site including letters to parents.

### Telephone and contact details

We have a new phone system in school and our telephone number has changed to **01484 687565**, please do not use the old number as it is no longer in use. We have also introduced the new Groupcall app which allows both parents to receive any text messages sent by school via an app. If you have any problems accessing the app, please let the office know and we will raise a query with Groupcall on your behalf. Instructions on how to access the app can be found on the website by following this link

<https://holmfirthjin.files.wordpress.com/2015/09/groupcall-xpressions-13-10-16.pdf>

### Absences

If your child will be absent from school please telephone the school office on 01484 687565, chose Option 2 and state your child's name, their class and the nature of their illness, by 9.30am.

### Parking

As a courtesy to our neighbours could we once again ask that those parents bringing/collecting their children to/from school by car, park considerately allowing access to driveways at all times.

### Head Lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice in school, we would therefore ask that over the holidays you check and treat your child's hair if appropriate. To help eliminate head lice we ask that long hair, for girls or boys, be tied back at all times.

### Flu Immunisations

The children in Year 1,2 & 3 (where parents have given permission) will be having their flu immunisations on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the morning, where they will be accompanied by members of staff.

### Jewellery

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school, apart from simple stud earrings if your child has pierced ears

### Registering New Starters for Primary and Secondary School for September 2017

A reminder for parents of children in Nursery, please don't forget to register your child for a Reception place for September 2017. **The closing date is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017** and all applications should be made on-line. Similarly, if you need to apply for a High School place for September 2017 and haven't done this yet you need to do so now as the deadline is Monday 31 October. You can apply for either by following the link below to the Kirklees Parent Portal; <https://enrol.kirklees.gov.uk/ENROL/default.aspx>. If you need any assistance with your online application, please call Pupil Admissions on 01484 225007 or the school office if you require any assistance.



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### Dinner Money

The amount due for the coming half term is £71.75. All payments for milk and dinners should be paid in advance regardless of whether you pay weekly or half termly. Please can you ensure that any outstanding monies for this half term are paid, via ParentPay by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. If your child currently has school dinners and wishes to stop having dinners and have sandwiches instead, please be aware that the kitchen requires 3 weeks' notice, to enable them to reduce their food orders.

### School Trips/Events

The Year 5 class went to Murton Park to spend a day in the Stone Age. They had great day learning about life in the villages of that time.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November the 'Real History' company will be working with Year 2 by bringing their topic 'The Great Fire of London' to life. They came in to school last year and were brilliant!

The Year 5 children will be attending 'Bikeability' training sessions during the second week back after the holidays (8/11 – 11/11). Further details, such as which days, the children will ride will be given to the children by Miss Wren in the week commencing 31 October.

The 'Wake Up Crew', Miss Williams and Mrs Greaves would like to invite all parents and children to join them for breakfast on Friday 11 November. The 'Wake Up Crew' are a small group of children who meet before school and on the 11 November they are making bacon sandwiches, toast etc. which they will serve in the hall. Further details will follow after half term.

Year 4 will be visiting Hope Bank Works on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – further details to follow.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November it is Children in Need day and we will once again be raising money in school. We will be holding a Talent Show in each class; the children will be given further details nearer the time. On the same day the Nursery and Reception children will be visiting the Library in Holmfirth.

### Kirklees Music School/Musicakirklees

At the start of the school year several of the music teachers from Kirklees Music School (now known as Musicakirklees) came in to school and gave some free taster sessions to then children on a variety of instruments. They have asked us to let you know there is the opportunity for all children to learn a musical instrument in school and that you have a look at their website [www.musicakirklees.org](http://www.musicakirklees.org) to see what is available and how your child can get involved.

### Sporting Events

A Year 3/4 & 5/6 cross country competition and Year 1/2 Fun Run was held at Holmfirth High School in September. The children ran with great enthusiasm and came away with some fantastic results. Eben, Archie H and Maisie C made it through to the next round of the event which was held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Well done to all those children taking part.

The annual 'Sports Hall Athletics' competition was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The Year 5/6 children were outstanding in every performance and as a result the team won the event overall. They will now go through to the Kirklees finals in January. Congratulations to all those involved.

### After School Clubs

Places are available at the clubs after half term; contact the school office if your child would like a place. After signing up for a club your child should attend regularly, if your child will not be attending any of the sessions please let the office staff know so that we can mark them off the register. After half term all children will need to be collected from school after the clubs have finished as it will be dark at 4.30pm.



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### PE Kit - Reminder

Some children are still coming to school with no PE kit – please can you ensure that your child(ren) have the following PE kit in school at all times, shorts, t-shirt, and trainers. In cold weather joggers and a sweatshirt/hooded top should be worn. Long hair should be tied back and no jewellery should be worn. This applies to children in Years 1 to 6.

### FONS

Thank you to all the children who came to the discos this week, a special thank you to the FONS members and staff who helped run the event. New members are always welcome, especially parents of new starters. Call into the office if you would like details about FONS and we will introduce you to committee members.

### Christmas 2016

Here are some dates for your diary for the Christmas period: The Christmas tree will be decorated during an assembly on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Children who normally have sandwiches will be able to have a school meal on this day. A letter will be sent home nearer the time for you to order a Christmas Lunch.

FONS Christmas Fair – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 3:30-5:00pm

The Early Years/KS1 Christmas performances will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. The dress rehearsal will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Class parties will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The KS2 Carol Service will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm – 7.30pm at the Holy Trinity Church, Holmfirth. Further details for all these events will be given in due course.

### Admin Team

As some of you will know, Mrs Briddon is leaving us at the end of this half term, we wish her well in her new job and thank her for all her hard work over the last 3 years! Since September, Mrs Brown has joined the admin team, so if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact either Miss Sykes, Mrs Pearson or Mrs Brown in the office.

### Holiday Dates

School closes for half term on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The school will close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holidays. We will re-open on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

We hope you have an enjoyable half term holiday and would like to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Kind Regards  
The Leadership Team



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