

## **SCHOOL UPDATE**

### **8 December 2015**

We have nearly come to the end of another very busy term and we would like to update you on some of our school activities.

This is the second update for this school year. In addition to this update we have also prepared a diary for the coming half term (see attached). Sending letters home via e-mail has started this term and continues to be successful. If you change your e-mail address please let the office know and we will amend your details. [office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk)

#### **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.

#### **Absences**

If your child will be absent from school please telephone the school office by 9.30am giving a reason for their absence.

#### **Driving to school**

Once again we would ask that parents drive carefully and considerately on the road up to and down from school – especially now the weather is poor and the mornings and afternoons are dark. Please take extra care to avoid a child being hurt. Thank you.

#### **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. This applies when coming to school for any Christmas events too.

#### **Dinner Money**

The cost of school meals for the next half term (Jan-Feb) will be £58.00 (£10.00) per week. School dinners should be paid for in **ADVANCE** through your ParentPay account. Please note that your account will not show the full amount owed for the coming half term as dinners are only charged on a daily basis, if you pay the full amount for the half term the amount will decrease day by day. Please can you ensure that any outstanding debts for this half term are paid by Thursday 17th December.

#### **Trips and visits**

This half term, our Year 4 children went to the 'Yorkshire Water' sites at Headingley and Esholt Treatment Works to learn about how water is supplied and cleaned. The Year 3 children visited the Victoria Theatre in Halifax to see 'The Snowman' performed together with a live orchestra. The Year 2 class took part in a 'Real History' day where they learned about 'The Great Fire of London'. Children from the Holmfirth High School came to school and played a selection of brass band music for our children in assembly. Our Year 6 children have also taken part in the 'Sports Hall Athletics' competition at the High School. Congratulations to those children who took part and won the competition. The Kirklees final will take place in January 2016.

#### **PE Kit**

As we mentioned in the last school update can we remind parents that it is essential that all children have a suitable PE kit in school every day. We want to continue teaching high quality PE and this is more difficult when children do not have the correct kit.

They will need shorts, t shirt, trainers and, during inclement weather, additional tracksuit bottoms and top. A change of footwear (trainers) for outdoor PE is also required as they often get muddy. If there are any problems with the above please see your child's class teacher so they can support your child.

Suitable clothing should also be worn when attending the after school sports clubs.

### **School Sports Kits**

We are looking into the possibility of getting some new sportswear/kits for our football, and cricket teams as well as some new Nabb T-shirts/polo shirts for other sporting activities. If anyone would be interested in being a sponsor for any of these kits please contact Kate Pearson in the school office.

### **After School Clubs**

Details for all the clubs for the next half term were sent home last week. Spare copies of this letter can be found in the blue folder outside the office

### **Tennis Club**

At the moment the tennis club is supported by two parent volunteers who help the children during the lessons at Thongsbridge Tennis Club on a Thursday morning. They then walk us back to school. One of our current helpers will stop after several years' valuable service as their child will be going to high school. As a result a new parent helper will be needed from September 2016. Free tennis sessions are available to your child if you help at the club. If you are interested in being part of the tennis team please contact Kate Pearson in the office for more details. Thank you.

### **Fundraising**

This half term we raised funds for the 'Children in Need' charity, through your kind donations we raised a fantastic £276.53.

For the 'Poppy Appeal' we raised an incredible £130.94

As always we thank you for your charitable support to the school and for other charities.

### **FONS**

The Christmas Fair will be held in school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm – 5.00pm. Please bring any donations to school as soon as possible.

Family Christmas breakfast will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (8.00am – 9.00am). An e-mail will be sent giving further details. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

#### **Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1**

##### **Christmas Performance**

There will be 2 performances, the first being on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and the second on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 10am. Further details have been sent home via e-mail.

##### **Key Stage 2 - Carol Service**

From Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be attending the church for rehearsals most days, all children should have suitable clothing/footwear for walking as it may be cold and wet. The concert will then be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.00pm, at Holmfirth Parish Church for Key Stage 2 children and parents. Please do not arrive at the church any earlier than 5.45pm as the doors will not open until then.

For the concert we thought it would be fun for the children to wear a Christmas jumper if they have one!

### **Class Parties**

These will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 17th December for all classes.

### **Christmas Lunch**

This special lunch will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Don't forget your crackers and hats!

### **Turn Again Theatre**

This year the Turn Again Theatre's Pantomime will be The Little Mermaid from 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Holmfirth Civic Hall. Tickets are available by phoning 01484 222444.

This half term school closes on Friday 18th December and re-opens on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the school. And we would like to say a huge thank you to the FONS team for their hard work and commitment to our school so far this year.

Finally, we hope you have a fantastic Christmas and we wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

J Rose  
Headteacher