

## SCHOOL UPDATE

### 9 December 2014

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 third update for this school year. In addition to this update we have also prepared a diary for the coming half term (see attached). Extra copies of all correspondence sent home can always be found in the blue folder in the front entrance or from the general office. If you would prefer to receive your updates via email either come into the office or email us at [office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk) and we will add you to our mailing list.

#### **Dinner Money**

The cost of school meals for the next half term (Jan-Feb) will be £57.00 (£9.50) per week. School dinners should be paid for in **ADVANCE** through your ParentPay account. Please can you ensure that any outstanding debts for this half term are paid by Thursday 18 December.

#### **Trips and visits**

This half term, our Year 5 children will be visiting The Zone where they will spend a day full of sporting activities and Year 6 children are visiting Shibden Hall which will be followed by a visit to the theatre to see The Snow Queen. Year 3 children went to the High School where they listened to an orchestra recital. Parents of children in the FSU have been learning how to make story sacks. Four of our Year 6 children took part in a Maths Challenge at the High School and got through to the second round of a really tough competition – well done! Year 6 children have also taken part in several sporting competitions at the High School including mini basketball, sports hall athletics and girls football. Year 5 children also paid their respects at the War Memorial in November.

#### **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.

#### **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. All too often we hear that some people are driving dangerously, whilst using mobile phones and mounting pavements on Rotcher Road and Cartworth Road. Please take extra care – before a child is hurt. If you see someone driving dangerously – report them to the Police. We have contacted the local Police and have asked them to monitor the situation. Thank you.

#### **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

#### **FONS**

The Christmas Fair will be held in school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Please bring any donations to school as soon as possible.

#### **Fundraising**

This half term we raised funds for the 'Children in Need' charity, through your kind donations we raised a fantastic £203.51.

For the 'Poppy Appeal' we raised an incredible £131.98

We also raised, through your generous donations, over £150 for the 'Sparks' children's charity.

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

## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

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

#### **Christmas Performance**

There will be 2 performances, the first being on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and the second on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 10am. Further details have been sent home direct from your class teachers.

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

From Thursday 11<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 18<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.

Could all children in KS2 bring an orange into school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. These will be decorated and used in the Christmas Carol concert. 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 19 December for KS1.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

This special lunch will take place on Wednesday 17 December. Don't forget your crackers and hats!

This half term school closes on Friday 19 December and reopens on Monday 5 January 2015.

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

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