

## SCHOOL UPDATE – 1 June 2016

Welcome to the latest school newsletter, in addition to this we have also prepared a diary for the coming half term (see attached). Paper copies of all correspondence sent home can always be found in the blue folder in the front entrance or on the school website. All letters and updates are sent home by email unless you have specifically asked for paper copies. If your email address changes please send us an email with your new address to [office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk) and we will update our mailing list.

### **Late Arrivals**

We still have a number of children who are regularly arriving late for school. School starts at 8.55am and children should be ready to line up in the playground when the bell rings. Late arrivals create extra work for the office and teaching staff and they cause disruption to both your child's education and that of their whole class. Please, therefore, ensure that your child arrives on time each day.

### **SATS**

Well done to all our Year 2 & 6 children for all their hard work during the SATS tests.

### **Hot Weather(!)**

During the next half term if the weather is hot and sunny, please can you ensure that children are sent to school with sun lotion applied, hats and t-shirts which cover their shoulders to prevent sunburn. Children can bring their own (named) water bottle which they can refill during the day if needed.

### **Dinner Money**

The cost of school meals is £2.00 per day. The weekly cost is £10.00 (£64.00 for the half term (7th June to 20th July). School dinners should be paid for in **ADVANCE**. Please can you ensure that any outstanding debts for this half term are paid to your ParentPay account by Monday 6th June.

We have just received notification that the cost of school meals will increase to £2.05 per day (£10.25 per week) from September 2016.

### **Induction Lunches/Evening**

The children due to start in Reception class in September are invited to try a school lunch on either the 4<sup>th</sup> July or the 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please return your slip to the office if your child wants a lunch on either of these dates.

The induction evening for parents whose child is starting Nursery or Reception in September will be on Thursday 30 June at 5.30pm.

### **After School Clubs**

A letter regarding the after school clubs for the next half term was sent home last term. Spare copies can be found in the blue folder outside the office and on the school website. Places are available at most clubs so please contact the school office if your child would like a place.

## **Sporting Events**

On the sporting front, we had 2 teams compete in the Holme Valley Cricket tournament week. Our Year 4 team won 4 out of their 5 matches to finish runners-up, whilst our Year 5/6 won all 5 of their matches to finish as champions. They will now take part in the next round of the competition on June 15, at Honley Cricket Club. All children were magnificent, on the field and off.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> May the children from KS2 classes took part in the second Neiley race another great event for them to be part of. The third and final Neiley Race will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Don't forget your child's race number and pins!

The annual Swimming Gala took place on 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Leisure Centre in Huddersfield. The team were so successful, gaining both individual and team medals. A great performance from you all.

The school will be taking part in the following sporting events:

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Class/es</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Venue</u></b>
Kwik Cricket	5 & 6 Girls	07.06.16	1.00pm – 5pm	Armitage Bridge Cricket Club
Mini Olympics	2	14.06.16	AM	Upperthong J & I School
Kwik Cricket	5 & 6	15.06.16	12.30pm – 5.30pm	Honley Final Cricket Club
Tag Rugby	5 & 6	17.06.16	9.30am – 1.00pm	Leeds Rd playing fields
Mini Olympics	1	24.06.16	AM	Upperthong J & I School
Sports Barn	4	30.06.16	All day	Leeds Rd playing fields
Rounders	3, 4, 5, & 6	05.07.16	TBC	TBC

All the dates are provisional and subject to the weather conditions. Full details of each event will be sent out in due course.

Many thanks to Holmfirth Vineyard and Turner Brothers for sponsoring our new sports team kit which have been admired by all our opponents!

## **Sports Day**

Sports Day will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Further details will be sent home nearer the date. The Nursery Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Whole School Performance**

This year's performances will take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. Further details will be sent home when we return to school after the half term holiday, along with a ticket booking form. Letters about costumes will be sent home from individual class teachers.

## **Trips, visits and Visitors**

As part of their 'India' topic the Year 4 children have visited a Sikh Temple in Huddersfield and followed that visit with learning Indian dance with Fiona Noonan.

## **Forthcoming Dates/Events**

To celebrate the Queen's official birthday we will be holding an outdoor picnic lunch for the whole school on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please donate any cakes or biscuits for the children,

all savoury items will be made by the school kitchen staff. Full details are available on the school website.

Year 1 will be visiting the 'Yorkshire Wildlife Park' on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. A letter has been sent and is available on the school website. Please can you ensure that your payment has been paid to your ParentPay account before the day of the trip. Thank you.

Braiswick Photographers will be collecting the class photograph orders next week. Please return any orders on Tuesday 7 June.

Year 6 transition day to Holmfirth High School will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a meeting at Holmfirth High School for all parents of Year 6 children on the evening of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Time will be confirmed next week.

Pupil reports will be sent home Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### **FONS**

FONS will be making Father's Day Gifts with the children on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June for all classes. The children will be able to make a small gift at a cost of £2 each. Please send in your requests/money next week.

A date for your diary – Nabbfest. Arrangements are currently being made for this year's event which will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will follow.

### **Holidays**

School will close on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July for the Summer holidays.

### **Thank You**

As always a big thank you to all the parent helpers and volunteers who continue to support the children and the school, your help is always appreciated.

We hope you have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Kind regards

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