

School Update – October 2015

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). Sending letters home via e-mail has started this term and is proving successful. If you change your e-mail address please let the office know and we will amend your details. 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.

Parking

As a courtesy to our neighbours could we once again ask that those parents bringing/collecting their children to/from school by car to 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.

Jewellery

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

Year 5 & 6 Lockers

After half term there will be lockers available for the Year 5 & 6 children to use instead of the cloakroom. A letter to parents was sent via e-mail last week giving further information.

Mission Possible

Phase 2 is now complete thanks to fund raising/donations from Holme Valley Parish Council, FONS and school. The area is being

used and enjoyed by the children. Many thanks to FONS for their contribution.

The final phase will be to install a clamber stack and to add the final finishing touches. Fund raising will need to continue to enable us to complete this phase.

New Starters

A reminder for parents of children in Nursery, please don't forget to register your child for a Reception place for September 2016. The closing date is the 15th January 2016 and all applications should be made on-line at www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

Dinner Money

The amount due for the coming half term is £68.00. 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 debts for this half term are paid, via ParentPay by Friday 23rd October.

If your child currently has school dinners and wishes to stop having dinners and have sandwiches instead, please be aware that the kitchen require 3 weeks' notice, to enable them to reduce their food orders.

School Trips/Events

The Year 5 & 6 classes have both had very successful 'Residential' visits to Cliffe House and Robinwood in September.

The Year 5 children will be attending 'Bikeability' training sessions during the second week back after the holidays. Further details, such as dates, will be given to the children this week.

Sporting Events

A Year 3/4 & 5/6 cross country competition was held at Holmfirth High School in September. The children ran with great enthusiasm and came away with some fantastic results.

The Year 6 girls (Penny Hobson, Eve Sutton, Harriet Heppenstall, Lani Grice and Emily Coburn) made it through to the next round of the team event as did Eben Sutton from Year 4 who ran as an individual runner.

They all represented the school in the Kirklees final last week and we are pleased to confirm that they have all progressed to the West Yorkshire Finals which will be held in 2016. Well done to all those taking part and good luck in the finals.

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

The following events will be held in school:
Halloween Disco Key Stage 1 Wednesday
21st October 6-7pm

Halloween Disco Key Stage 2 Wednesday
21st October 7.15 -8.15pm

Christmas Fair – Friday 11th December 3:30-
5:30pm

Christmas Family Breakfast – Thursday 17th
December 8-9am

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 2015

Here are some dates for your diary for the Christmas period:

The Christmas tree will be decorated during an assembly on Monday 30th November.

The Early Years/KS1 performances will be held on Monday 14th December at 2pm and on Tuesday 15th December at 10am.

The KS2 Carol Service will be held on Wednesday 16th December at 6pm in Mission Possible.

Further details for all these events will be given in due course.

Christmas Lunch

This special lunch will take place on Wednesday 16th 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.

Christmas Discos

There will be discos in December the dates and times will be confirmed when arrangements have been made.

Holiday Dates

School closes for half term on Friday 23rd October and re-opens on Tuesday 3rd November.

The school will close on Friday 18th December for the Christmas holidays.

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

Regards
The Leadership Team