

## **School Update - March 2018**

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

In addition to this update we have also prepared a diary for the coming half term (see attached). Sending letters home via e-mail and the Xpressions app for mobiles and tablets 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.

### **Admin Email Contacts**

Just a reminder of our contact details for the office – if in doubt send your email to the admin address where it will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

Clubs, sporting events and medical issues. Any queries should be directed to Mrs Pearson (every day except Thursday): -  
[clubs.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:clubs.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk)

General Admin, school meals, milk and general day to day issues. Any queries should be directed to Mrs Brown (Monday – Friday): -  
[admin.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:admin.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk)

Finance and business management (with the exception of school meals and milk), emails for the attention of a member of staff. Any queries should be directed to Miss Sykes (Monday to Thursday).  
[office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk)

### **Parents Evening**

Meetings will be held on Thursday 22 March and Monday 26 March from 2.30pm – 6pm. The on-line booking system will be used again this year where you will be able to book your own appointments. Further details can be found [here](#).

### **Nursery Parents**

The nursery can be accessed via the front of the school again as the work on the trees on the banking has been completed.

### **Dinner Money**

The cost of school meals for the next half term (16 April – 25 May – excluding May 7) will be £61.48 (£10.60 per week). School dinners should be paid for in ADVANCE. Please ensure that any outstanding debts for this half term are paid to your ParentPay account by Thursday 29 March.

Dinner money is due in advance and should be paid through your ParentPay account, we do not send out invoices/bills for dinner monies owed so please can you ensure that payment is made during the first week back if you chose to pay half termly, or regularly every Monday, if you chose to pay weekly.

### **Snacks & Drinks**

Please ensure that the children only bring a **healthy** snack and a drink of water with them for snacks during the school day. Please avoid bringing anything with nuts in too. Thank you for your co-operation.

All drinks brought in to school should be water rather than juice. We are increasingly seeing more of this for break and lunchtime drinks. Please provide water as a healthy option for your child/ren. Thank you.

### **Medicines in school**

Please note that medicines can only be administered in school if they are:

- 1) A prescribed medicine
- 2) And are prescribed to be given 4 times a day at specific times.

Medicines prescribed 3 times daily can, therefore, usually be given at home and will not be accepted in school, unless there is evidence that not administering will be detrimental to health. A copy of the Managing Medicines Policy can be found on the website <https://holmfirthjinschool.net/policies/>

### **After School Clubs**

A letter regarding the after school clubs for the next half term has been sent home. Spare copies can be found in the blue folder outside the office or on the website.

It would be appreciated if you could sign up for the clubs as soon as you can after the letter has been sent out. This will allow final arrangements to be made with the coaches and for the administration to be done in school to set the club up before the club starts. Thank you.

### **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.

### **School Events**

Trips, Visits, Visitors and Sporting Activities. January – March 2018

| <u>Visits</u>   | <u>Visitors</u>   | <u>Sports</u>  | <u>Other</u>  |
|---|---|--|---|
| Year 3 Stone Age Day.<br><br>Year 6 Robinwood.<br><br>Year 6 'Westside Story' at Holmfirth High School.<br><br>Year 6 and Choir to Mrs Sunderlands 'Big Sky' event. (Huddersfield Town Hall).<br><br>Year 6 – Feel Good Friday - Holmfirth High School. | Years 3 & 4 Egyptian Work Shop.<br><br>Year 1 – Police Visit, spacecraft investigation.<br><br>Year 4 – The Science of Sound.<br><br>Choir - Music composition with Will Mace (Musica).<br><br>Hannah M – Year 1 & Year 4 Humanist input for RE.<br><br>Holmfirth High School – Works Experience<br><br>Year 5 – 'Victorian Holmfirth' – Talk by Mrs Riley. | Project Sport to work with Reception class – weekly.<br><br>Hi 5 Netball (Holmfirth High School) – Year 5 & 6.<br><br>Thongsbridge Tennis Club – Year 2 & 3 sessions.<br><br>Hi 5 Netball Final 29/3 (Colne Valley High School) – Year 5 & 6 Team 1. | School Sports Organising Crew – Winter Olympics event for Year 4.<br><br>World Book Day – Favourite book or character dress up day.<br><br>Year 4 – 'Varjak Paw' Day.<br><br>Year 5 – Victorian Day.<br><br>Year 6 – 'Maths Master Class' for parents.<br><br>Governor visit – KS2 Writing.<br><br>Parents Evenings – 22/3 & 26/3.<br><br>Braiswicks – Class Photographs 26/3<br><br>Easter Egg Number Challenge – 26/3 |

### **FONS**

We would like to thank the FONS team for providing the beautiful plants for the children's Mother's Day gifts. They looked beautiful and I am sure that there would have been a lot of happy mums too!

The Father's day gift sale will be held on Friday 15 June. Further details will follow.

Further details regarding the next school disco and the possible Summer Fair/Nabbfest will be given when FONS have made their plans.

### **Forthcoming Sporting Events**

The school diary has the following events in which we hope to take part:

| <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>      |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Mixed Football      | 6 (Team)               | 17.04.18           | 4.00—5.30pm        | Holmfirth High School    |
| Mini Tennis         | 4 (Team)               | 08.05.18           | 1.00-3.30pm        | Thongsbridge Tennis Club |
| Mini Olympics       | 3 (Class)              | 11.05.18           | 1.30pm – 3.00pm    | Upperthong J & I School  |
| Try it Cricket      | 5 & 6                  | 15.05.18           | 3.45pm – 5.00pm    | Holmfirth High School    |
| Kwik Cricket        | 3 & 4<br>(Team)        | 18.05.18           | 9.30am – 3.30pm    | Holmfirth Cricket Club   |
| Kwik Cricket        | 5 & 6<br>(Team)        | 18.05.18           | 9.30am – 3.30pm    | Holmfirth Cricket Club   |
| Mini Olympics       | 1 (Class)              | 15.05.18           | 1.30pm – 3.00pm    | Upperthong J & I School  |
| Mini Olympics       | 2 (Class)              | 12.06.18           | 1.30pm – 3.00pm    | Upperthong J & I School  |
| Cycling             | 3, 4, 5 & 6            | 19.06.18           | 4.00pm – 6.00pm    | Holmfirth High School    |
| Sports Barn         | 4 (Class)              | 26.06.18           | All day            | Leeds Rd playing fields  |
| Rounders            | 3, 4, 5, & 6<br>(Team) | 06.07.18           | 1.15pm – 3.00pm    | Holmfirth High School    |

Neiley Races will take place on the following Wednesdays: 25 April, 16 May, and 23 May. Letters have already been sent home and the children's names will be registered with the race organisers next week. Please return any slips by Monday 26 March - unfortunately no late entrants are allowed.

The Holme Valley Primary Schools' Swimming Gala will be taking place on Thursday 14 June. Trials for the team are taking place and those children who are selected for the team will receive a letter from Mrs Worsley near the date of the event.

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

### **Forthcoming Dates/Events**

Class photographs will be taken by Braiswick Photographers on the Monday 26 March.

Year 6 Sex Education Parents meeting Tuesday 22 May 5.00pm – All parents are invited to attend this meeting; further details will be given in due course.

### **KS2 Sats**

The Year 6 SATS are fast approaching, week commencing 14 May 2018, and we would ask for your support to ensure that your child gets plenty of sleep, eats breakfast and has a drink of water leading up to and during SATS week. A timetable will be sent out in due course.

### **Holidays**

Easter - School closes on Thursday 29 March and re-opens on Monday 16 April.

Monday 7 May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed.

Summer Half Term – School Closes on Friday 25 May and re-opens on Tuesday 5 June.

School then closes on Friday 20 July for the Summer holidays.

### **Thank You!**

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

We hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 16 April.

Thank you once again for your support of both myself and the school.

Kind Regards

Mr Julian Rose  
Headteacher