

## HOLMFIRTH JI & N SCHOOL UPDATE – JULY 2018

We are celebrating another successful year of learning together. The children have all grown in stature, confidence and ability and we send our very best wishes to all who are leaving us this year. Thank you to every child and parent for making this a brilliant year. Enjoy the summer together.

We now have a Twitter account – @HolmfirthJINSch where you can access regular updates and news about life at Nabb. More detailed information can be found on the website <https://holmfirthjinschool.net/>

### **FONS News**

Nabbfest was held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June and was a great success, raising an incredible £1320! Of this total the Year 6 stalls raised £415 which is a fantastic achievement! A big thank you to all the FONS organisers, staff and parent helpers for making the event so successful. Thank you all for coming and supporting the event - we hope you enjoyed it too!!

FONS have also raised £650 from the Mother's and Father's gift sales.

### **Amazon Smile**

**Do you shop with Amazon?** Would you consider supporting FONS by using **Amazon Smile** which has the following benefits:

- When you want to make an Amazon purchase log in to Amazon using the following link and any purchases you make will earn 0.5% commission for FONS - at NO COST to you – <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1040723-0>
  - If the link asks you to search for your chosen charity enter either Holmfirth J,I & N School Parent Teacher Association or the number 1040723 it will then link your account to FONS
  - Just use the link once and bookmark it to use each time you make an Amazon purchase and each time you make a purchase FONS will get 0.5% of your total spend.
- Thank you for supporting FONS and the school - we need your help!!

### **School lunches and School milk**

The cost of a school lunch will increase from September to £2.20 per child, per day. Please check your ParentPay account and make a payment to bring your account up to date before the end of term if you have not already done so.

A lunch payment of £72.60 is due on our return to school for the half term 5th September – 20th October. Please note, children entering Year 3 will no longer be eligible for the free school meals and this charge will now be applicable and payable through your ParentPay account. You may be eligible for free school meals you can check and apply by clicking this [link](#). Details on how to order school milk can be found on the website [here](#).

## After School Clubs

A letter regarding the after school clubs from September was sent home recently. Spare copies can be found in the blue folder outside the office. There are still places available at some of the clubs so please return your slip before the end of term to register a place. Please note, the clubs on our return to school will start from Monday 10 September 2018.

Please also check your ParentPay account for any outstanding club payments from this school year and make a payment to bring your account up to date before the end of term if applicable.

## School Production

All performances of the 'A Midsummer Nabb's Dream' play were a great success. We hope all of you enjoyed it as much as we did. A huge thanks goes to all staff, parents/carers (for help with make-up, props and costumes, refreshments, the book sale and EVERYTHING really!) Most importantly, thanks to the children for giving such memorable performances.

## Sports Reports/Class Activities

<u>Visits</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Sports</u>	<u>Other</u>
Year 1 'Fair and Funky' workshop.	Year 2 Yoga – Parents Performance.  Bob Hinchliffe (Kirklees Council) – Road Safety Forum with 12 Year 5 children.  CECA and AMCO (construction/engineering companies) worked with Year 5 & 6 on 'Bridge Building'.  Year 3 Music Day.	Year 4, 5 & 6 Cricket Competition – Holmfirth Cricket Club.  Neiley Races – Race 2 & 3.  Year 5 & 6 Girls Cricket Competition – Almondbury Cricket Club.  Year 1 Mini Olympics – Uppershong J I School.  Year 2 Mini Olympics – Uppershong J I School.  Kirklees Swimming Gala – Year 4, 5 & 6.  KS2 Team Cycling – Holmfirth High School.  Nursery Sports Day  Sports Day  Year 5 Rounders – Holmfirth High School.	'Simon the Streets' Assembly.  "Drum and Rhythm Club' Assembly.  Scholastics Book Fair.

Thanks to all those who attended the school 'Sports Day Carousel/Races'. The children and staff had a great morning and afternoon. Thanks to Mr Warrener and our Year 6 class/SSOC for helping to organise the events. Thanks also to our parents for their support.

Children from school have recently taken part in the following sporting competitions/events:

The 'Voices of Nabb' choir took part in 'NabbFest', and the 'Holmfirth Big Sing'.

Year 2 went to Old Moor and had a lovely day in the RSPB reserve. They have also been 'River Dipping' in Holmfirth. Thanks to all the parent helpers who made these trips possible. They also took part in the 'Mini Olympics' at Upperthong J & I School, as did our Year 1 class.

Year 3 experienced a 'Music Day'. Their musical journey was filled with music from a variety of instruments, kindly loaned to us for the day. Parents/carers came to see and hear their work which was amazing!

Year 4 went to the Sports Barn and had a very enjoyable day.

Our Year 4, 5 & 6 children had the opportunity to take part in an Inter school cycling event at Holmfirth High School.

The Year 5 Rounders team played at Holmfirth High School, against other local schools. The team proved to be good in the field with some impressive catches.

All the children played/performed really well and had a fantastic time at these events. Well done to you all for taking part and a special thanks to parents for providing transport as and when needed.

Mrs Worsley took a team of Year 4, 5 & 6 swimmers to the 'Swimming Gala' in Huddersfield last month, the results were as follows:

Girls Overall – Winners

Boys & Girls Overall – Joint first place

All of our team had fantastic individual performances and a determination to do well. We are very proud of you all.

After another amazing performance at the West Yorkshire Finals at the start of this month, the Year 6 Hi 5 Netball team qualified for the 'Regional School Games' - Yorkshire finals! Our 'Tag Rugby' team also won their tournament and represented the school at the Yorkshire finals as well. This event took place last week, in Leeds, and yet again our teams performed exceptionally well.

Now that the sporting activities are over for another year, can you please make sure that any of the orange Nabb T-shirts/football/cricket sports kits are returned to school next week, especially from the Year 6 children. Thank you.

### **Lost Property**

All lost property will be in the playground or Hall (depending on the weather) on **Monday 16 until Thursday 19 July** before and after school. Please have a look through and take home any items belonging to your child. Any items that are left will be taken to a charity shop so that we can clear the building.

### **Staffing arrangements from September**

A letter was sent home recently giving details of the class arrangements from September. Here is another update for you:

Unfortunately, we must say goodbye to Miss Whitfield, to whom we extend our warmest wishes. Miss Whitfield has done an excellent job for our Reception pupils over the past year and we wish her all the best in her new job at Skelmanthorpe.

### **Forthcoming Dates (1<sup>st</sup> half of the Autumn Term 2018)**

Thursday 13 September (Morning) – individual photographs to be taken by Braiswick Photographers.

Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 1st October – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Thursday 4 October - Open Evening @ Holmfirth High School (6.00pm – 9.00pm) for our new Year 6 parents.

On Wednesday 10 October Year 5 will be going to Cliffe House for their residential visit, they will return on Friday 12 October. Please make your payment(s) on ParentPay no later than Friday 5 October.

Half term – School closes Friday 26 October and re-opens Monday 5 November.

### **Baby & Toddler Group**

Would you like to meet other local families with babies and toddlers? In a safe, warm and welcoming space? We are looking into hosting a Baby and Toddler group at school and would like to gauge if there is enough interest to take this idea further.

If there is enough interest the group would probably take place on a Thursday morning and would be an opportunity for parents, grandparents, carers and childminders to get together for an hour every week, during term time. The group would be open to anyone in the local community so if you know of any families with babies or toddlers please can you pass this information onto them.

There would be no charge for the group, and light refreshments will be available at a nominal cost.

We would welcome any volunteers to help to run the event, perhaps on a rota basis – we can offer free coffee and biscuits! If you are interested please email Miss Sykes in the office, [finance.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:finance.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk)

### **Thank you**

At the end of another busy year we would like to thank all our volunteer helpers who have regularly helped in classes and with school projects and trips to name but a few!! Your help is invaluable and very much appreciated.

The start of the new school year, for the children, is Wednesday 5th September – there are two teacher training days on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September. Have a great summer.

Mr J Rose  
Headteacher