

SCHOOL UPDATE - 14 May 2019

We are approaching the end of another very busy half 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 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

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. Don't forget that we now have a Twitter account - follow us at @HolmfirthJINSchool.

Groupcall

National Book Tokens

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: click on one of these links <http://nbt.gift/schools> or <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

ParentPay

Please can you log into your ParentPay account and check that you are up to date with all your payments (including payments for trips, in school activities and school meals). We are finding that an increasing number of parents are not keeping up to date with payments which causes more work for admin staff who have to chase payments up, which costs us time and money. If you would rather pay for items at your local PayPoint outlet please let us know and we will print you out a barcoded letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dinner Money

The cost of school meals is £2.20 per day. The weekly cost is £11.00 (£77.00 for the half term (1 June to 17 July). 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 21 May.

Book Fair

There will be a "Half Price Book Fair" from Monday 17 to 21 June. Books can be purchased in school 8.30am – 8.55am and from 3.30pm – 4.00pm.

Reception/Nursery September Starters - Induction Lunches/Evening

The children due to start in Reception class in September are invited to try a school lunch on either Monday 8 July or Wednesday 10 July. If you haven't already done so, please return your slip to the office if your child wants a lunch on either of these dates.

On Tuesday 2 July there will be a 'New Starter Parents Induction Evening' at 5.00pm in the Hall. A 'New starter lunch' will be available on the 8 and 10 July. Please complete and return the reply slips to the school office if you haven't already done so.

Hot Weather(!)

During the next half term, if the weather is hot and sunny, please 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 throughout the day if needed.

Sporting Events

Good luck to all our runners at the first Neiley race tonight. The second Neiley Race was cancelled and has been rearranged on Wednesday 5 June and the other date is Wednesday 22 May. Don't forget your child's race number and pins for Races 2 & 3!

The Kwik Cricket competition at Holmfirth Cricket Club will be held on 21 May; A letter has been sent to the selected children.

The annual Swimming Gala will be on 13 June at the Leisure Centre in Huddersfield. Letters have already been sent to those children taking part.

The Year 4 class will be attending the Sports Barn on the Tuesday 25 June to take part in a variety of sporting activities with other schools. A letter has been sent out by Mrs Worsley.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Class/es</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Kwik Cricket	4	21.05.19	PM	Holmfirth Cricket Club
Kwik Cricket	5 & 6	21.05.19	PM	Holmfirth Cricket Club
Mini Olympics	2	11.06.19	PM	Upperthong J & I School
KS2 Cycling	3, 4, 5 & 6	13.06.19	4.00 – 6.00pm	Holmfirth High School
Sports Barn	4	25.06.19	All day	Leeds Rd playing fields
West Yorkshire Youth Games	YR 6 Netball Team	01.07.18	TBC	Leeds Beckett University

After School Clubs

A letter regarding the after school clubs for the next half term was sent home last week. Spare copies can be found in the blue folder outside the office. Places are available at most clubs so please log onto ParentPay account to book a club for your child.

If your child attends Tiger Club, please make sure that the Tiger Club staff are aware that your child is attending an after school club.

Children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home from the clubs during the Summer months. Again, the office staff should be made aware of this arrangement. All other children should be collected from school at 4.30pm.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be on Friday 21 June. Further details will be sent home nearer the date. The Nursery Sports Day will be on Wednesday 19 June.

FONS Events

FONS will be holding 'Nabbfest' on Friday 21 June (3.30 – 5.30 pm). Volunteers are required to help set up, run stalls and help clear up – please see Helen Higginbottom from FONS if you are able to help. Further details will be sent home from FONS after the half term holiday.

FONS will be holding a Father's Day Gifts Sale on Friday 14 June for all classes. The children will be able to purchase small gifts details will be emailed home soon and payment can be made on ParentPay.

Whole School Performance

This year's performances will take place on Tuesday 9 July and Thursday **11 July. There will be two performances Tuesday 9 July at 1.30pm – 3.00pm and 6.00 – 7.30pm and one on Thursday 11 July at 6.00pm.** More 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 after the holidays.

New Class Teachers/Reports

The children will meet their new class teacher(s) on Tuesday 2 July. Also, class reports will be sent home with the children on Friday 12 July.

SATS & Year 6 Information

The SATS tests are under way for our Year 6 children this week. Well done to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children for all their hard work before and during the SATS tests.

Year 6 Transition day at the High School will be on Tuesday 2 July.

On Wednesday 10 July Year 6 parents have been invited to Holmfirth High School 6.30pm onwards.

On Tuesday 16 July, Year 6 will be going to Lightwater Valley.

Years 4, 5 & 6 will be spending the day at the Sands on Thursday 18 July.

On Friday 19 July, which is the last day of term, Year 6 will have their Leavers Assembly and their Fish and Chip dinner together with our members of staff.

Cars

When you are waiting for your children outside school, please turn your engines **off**. Exhaust omissions are not good for our children or the environment. Please ensure that you do not park opposite, or block, the turning circle. In addition, please observe all legal requirements, as well as showing consideration for residents

Headlice

Please can you check your child(ren)'s hair for headlice over the holidays – we have had several outbreaks recently in several classes.

Mission Possible

During school hours, children are supervised in Mission Possible, please ensure that this continues before and after school, should your child use the facilities.

Groupcall Text Messages

We will continue to send out messages via email and text. Please be aware, for financial reasons, we will only send out the text message to the person listed as the main contact – if you get a text from school please forward it to your partner to ensure that the message reaches everyone. We will continue to send emails/Xpressions message to all contacts as there are no costs involved in these methods of communication.

Please note that we have a staff training day on Friday 24 May. We hope you have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3 June.

Best wishes

J Rose (Mr)
Headteacher