



**Honley C.E. (c)
Infant & Nursery
School**

**December 2011
Newsletter**



Dear Parents

I have a few reminders and updates for you as we prepare to break up for the Christmas holiday.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Many thanks to everyone who has joined us for our Christmas performances. It is lovely to see so many proud parents, grandparents and friends. The children did amazingly well and we share your pride and delight in their achievements. DVDs of the performances will be sent out to you before we break up. Please contact us as soon as possible if you still need to put in your order.

I know that you would want to join me in saying a very big thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to prepare for the Christmas performances. It takes a lot of extra effort to produce performances of the standard we see every year at Honley Infants and we are lucky to have staff who are prepared to put in lots of extra hours to make Christmas so special and memorable for us all.

I need to say a special thank you this year to Mrs Tyler and her sewing group who have provided new costumes for Key Stage 1 so that for the first time ever all the children in Key Stage 1 were dressed up.

FOHIS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Fair so successful. We estimate that we made approx. £2000! This is an amazing total when you consider that we were only open for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. As always the money will be spent to benefit the children.

We are very grateful to FOHIS who provided the money to pay for a professional theatre group to perform Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer for all the children last week. Without the support of FOHIS school could not provide treats such as this for the children unless we were to ask each parent/carer to contribute.

HELEN TAYLOR

Helen Taylor, our Parent Support Advisor, is now in school all day each Monday. Helen has a lot of experience in supporting parents/carers and she would be glad to help with concerns regarding issues such as behaviour, attendance, supporting children's learning and signposting parents to specialist services.

In the New Year, Helen plans to run a workshop for parents to make learning resources for school. The workshops will be on Monday morning so if you are free please come along and help.

CHICKEN ROTA

There will be a new chicken rota for the spring term, so if you would like to look after the chickens over a weekend please sign up on the rota which will be in the entrance.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We still have places in the following After School clubs:-

Mondays - Athletics & Tuesdays - Bollywood Dance. Fridays - 1 Place for Football

Please see Mrs. Turner in the office if your child would like to join any of them.

DINNER MONEY & MILK

As school dinners are now £9.25 we are really struggling to give change to the large number of people who send £10 notes. From the beginning of next term we propose to carry forward any change to the next week and only give back change at the end of the term.

Dinner Money for the first week (3days) **will be £5.55** and then £9.25 per week.

For parents wishing to pay school meals half-termly the amount will be **£51.80**. Any cheques made payable to Kirklees M.C. The milk will be ordered for next term on Friday 16th December, therefore if your child would like milk in January please send your payment by tomorrow morning.

PART-TIME NURSERY PLACES

We are able to offer part-time places in our Early Years Unit to children who have had their 3rd birthday. If you have a child who is under 3 please make sure that you register for your part-time place with school. **You cannot register on line for these places as Kirklees only deal with full-time places. Schools make their own arrangement for Nursery places.**

DONATION FROM THE STABLES EXPERIENCE

A big Thank You to the Stables Experience who have donated the sum of £50.00 for our School Funds.

A reminder that school closes on Friday 16th December at 3.20p.m. for the Christmas holidays, and re-opens on Wednesday 4th January 2012.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful family Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Christine Lancaster, Headteacher