Honley C.E. (C) Infant & Nursery School
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Newsletter

Dear Parents

Just a few quick updates before we break up for the half term holiday.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER

The Monday morning 'Create and Make' group are going to start making story sacks for use in the Early Years Unit. The first topic will be Rapunzel. We meet in the hall at 9am and the session lasts for 45minutes. Any new faces are very welcome – you don't need to be brilliant at art or sewing, just enthusiastic!

ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

Please may I remind you of how important it is for your child to attend school on a regular basis. The government and the LA are very keen to maximise children's attendance at school from a very early age and I am now being asked to account for the absence of children whose attendance falls below **85%.** Children who have a lot of odd days especially on Mondays and Fridays are also monitored.
We do not want children who are ill to be sent to school and I understand that young children often pick up one virus after another when they first start school. However I must ask that all other absence be kept to an absolute minimum.

Holidays will only be authorised for children who have at least 90% attendance.
I also need to mention the number of children who are being signed in as late.
Please make sure that children are in the school grounds for 8.50am when doors are open. Every late mark has to be recorded on our system and accounted for.

Children who are late miss the beginning of the first lesson which starts promptly as soon as the children get into the classroom.

Please contact school by telephone in the morning of the first day of absence to let us know that your child will not be in school, and to give a reason for absence which we can enter on to our computer system. If no telephone call is received the admin staff will try to contact the Parents/Guardian for an explanation for absence.

SCHOOL DINNERS

As many of you will know we currently serve the school lunch on plastic trays with separate compartments for main course and pudding. As from the beginning of next half term we will be using plates and bowls. This will mean that the children will choose and eat their main course before choosing their dessert. We are hoping that this system will further improve the quality of the children's lunchtime experience.

DINNER MONEY

Please send your dinner money on a Monday morning or the first day back after any holiday in a named purse or envelope with any cheques payable to Kirklees M.C.
Dinner Money for the week **commencing Monday 20th February will be £9.25.**
For parents wishing to pay school meals half-termly the amount will be **£55.50.**
Also a reminder that we carry forward any change to the next week and only give back change at the end of the term.

FOHIS

The next FOHIS meeting will be at **7.30pm in school on Tuesday 21st February**. At the meeting we will be discussing arrangements for the Easter Egg Bingo to be held at the Community Centre on **Friday 23rd March**. We will also be beginning to make plans for the joint Summer Gala with the Junior school, so as always everyone is welcome to join us. **The school disco for Key Stage 1 children will be held from 6.00pm-7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd February remember to return your slip to be sure of a ticket.**

There will be a special meeting to discuss plans for the joint Gala at 7.00pm on Monday 5th March at the Junior School everyone welcome to join us - we are going to needs lots of support to make this event a real success.

SCHOOL HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

A reminder that school closes for the half-term holiday at 3.20pm on Friday 10th February and re-opens at 8.50am on **Monday 20th February.**

Best wishes for a good half term break

Christine Lancaster, Headteacher