

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

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and to the new academic year. A special welcome to children, parents and staff who have joined us for the first time, I hope that your time with us will be happy and rewarding. We have a busy term ahead of us and I attach some dates for your diaries. Details of planned events will of course be sent to you nearer the time.

It can seem a little chaotic at the beginning and end of session times during the first few days of the new term but it has been good to see how well the children have come into school and settled so far this week. Please can parents help by not crowding the children when they are lining up in the Key Stage 1 playground or entering school in the Early Years Unit.

STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. L Adam to our Early Years team. Mrs. Adam who previously taught at Gillthwaites First School is replacing Mrs. J Turner who has moved across the hall into Key Stage 1.

As many of you will know Mrs Carr has now started her maternity leave, I will let you know as soon as we have news of a new arrival.

Whilst Mrs. Carr is on maternity leave Mrs. K. Atkinson will be acting Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. R Key and Mrs. H Tyler have also taken on extra management roles in Key Stage 1 to cover some of Mrs. Carr's duties.

FOHIS

Helping with FOHIS events is a brilliant way of becoming involved with your child's school. It can be hard work but we manage to have a bit of fun along the way!

We are **VERY** keen to encourage new people to join FOHIS either as committee members or occasional helpers. In recent years we have lost some very active committee members and we need more support if we are to keep up with the social and fundraising events that we have enjoyed in previous years.

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Dr. Rebecca Hoddinot has agreed to take on the role of Chair for this year and we have arranged a FOHIS cheese and wine social gathering to be held in school **at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th September.** We are hoping that the cheese and wine will tempt people to come along and find out about the work of FOHIS and hopefully join in with some of our future events.

NEW GRASS AND PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

You may have noticed that we have had some 'Good as Grass' fitted in the Key Stage 1 garden. We were struggling to grow the grass around the garden. It turned to mud in winter and dust in summer and all attempts to reseed had failed. We are hoping that the children will now be able to use the garden area all year round.

We are grateful to Mrs. Killock and Mrs. Scully who gave up some of their holiday to come into school and paint new playground markings on the Key Stage 1 playground which will help us to provide playground games for the children at lunchtime and break times.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We currently have a few available places for Year 1 & Year 2 children in the following after school clubs :-

Monday - Athletics,

Tuesday - Bollywood Dance,

Wednesday - Cricket (1 place only)

Thursday - Rugby (Year 1
& Reception only)

Please call into the school office if your child is interested in attending any of the above clubs.

NURSERY PLACES

This year we are in the unusual position of having some spare nursery places for the afternoon session. We are able to provide 15 hours free nursery places for children who have had their 3rd birthday in the previous term. If you know of anyone who would be interested in taking up one of these places please ask them to contact us on 01484 222802.

CHICKEN ROTA

We have a new chicken rota on display in the entrance. If you would like to help look after the chickens over a weekend please come in and sign up. You collect the keys and all instructions at the end of school on the Friday of your weekend so it is very straightforward and the children love to help.

ATTENDANCE / LATENESS

Please may I remind parents of the importance of regular attendance at school. We are coming under increasing pressure to reduce the number of children taken out of school for family holidays and we are currently working with other schools in the Honley Pyramid to develop a new attendance policy.

Towards the end of last term I was becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children being brought into school late. This is disruptive for classes who may have already started the first lesson and is also embarrassing for the child who has to walk into class by themselves when everyone else is already settled.

GOLDEN RULES

This week we have been talking to the children about our school logo 'Caring and Sharing', and about our Golden Rules

- To care for Each Other
- To Stay Safe
- To Look After our School
- To be Polite and Helpful
- To Always Try our Best

I will be inviting Key Stage 1 children to contribute a prayer to a Golden Rules Prayer Book. The prayers will be used in Collective Worship and also at our Governors meetings. If your child brings home a prayer sheet perhaps you would help them with a few ideas, spellings etc. - Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Please do not hesitate to see me or one of the teaching staff if you have any concerns or worries we are here to help.

Very Best Wishes for a happy term

Christine Lancaster
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER		
Monday 12 th September	2.40pm	Meeting for Year 2 parents
Friday 16 th September	9.30am	Florence Nightingale in the hall for Year 2
Friday 16 th September	7.00pm	FOHIS AGM followed by social event
Monday 19 th September	2.00pm	Optician from the village to talk to Year 1 children
Tuesday 20 th September	7.30pm	FOHIS - Cheese and wine social
Wednesday 21 st September	During the school day	Mrs. Tyler's Year 2 class to Cliffe House
Thursday 22 nd September	4.00pm until 5.00pm	Upper Foundation Parent / Teacher Consultation
Friday 23 rd September	During the school day	Mrs. Key's Year 2 class to Cliffe House
Monday 26 th September	During the school day	Mrs. Morton's Yr1 class & half of Mrs. Asher/ Mrs. Gill Yr1 class to Cliffe House
Thursday 29 th September	4.00pm until 8.30pm	Parent / Teacher Consultation for KS1 & Upper Foundation
Thursday 29 th September	4.00pm until 7.00pm	Lower Foundation Open Evening
Friday 30 th September	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY FOR STAFF TRAINING
OCTOBER		
Monday 3 rd October	During the school day	Mrs. Turner's Yr1 class & half of Mrs. Asher/ Mrs. Gill Yr1 class to Cliffe House
Tuesday 4 th October	7.00pm	Governor's Meeting & AGM
Tuesday 11 th October	AM in school	Hand to Mouth Puppets
Wednesday 19 th October	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Yr 1 & Yr 2 Harvest Service in St. Mary's Church, Honley
Thursday 20 th October	10.45am & 2.45pm	Early Years Unit Harvest Celebration in the school hall
Friday 21 st October	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.20PM	Half -Term Holiday School closed - 24.10.11 - 28.10.11
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Monday 31 st October	SCHOOL OPENS at 8.50AM	For the 2 nd Half of the Autumn Term
NOVEMBER		
Monday 7 th November	AM	Year 2 Maths morning
Tuesday 8 th November	All day in school	Year 1 Toy workshop
Monday 14 th November	AM	Year 1 Maths morning
Tuesday 22 nd November	7.00pm	Governors Meeting
Sat 26 th /Sun 27 th November	Date & Time yet to be confirmed	Christmas Fair in school
DECEMBER		
Friday 2 nd December	AM	Hand to Mouth Puppets to work with Year 2
Saturday 3 rd December	All Day	Honley Christmas Street Market
Thursday 8 th December	1.30pm	Lower Foundation Christmas Celebration in the school hall
Thursday 8 th December	2.15pm	Upper Foundation Christmas Nativity in the school hall
Friday 9 th December	9.30am	Lower Foundation Christmas Celebration in the school hall
Friday 9 th December	10.15am	Upper Foundation Christmas Nativity in the school hall
Tuesday 13 th December	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 - Yr 1 & Yr2 Christmas Nativity in St. Mary's Church, Honley
Wednesday 14 th December	Time to be arranged	Honley Music Festival for the School Choir at Honley High School
Wednesday 14 th December	Times to be arranged later	Early Years Unit Christmas Parties in school
Thursday 15 th December	10.00am	Year 2 singing at Burhouse Court
Friday 16 th December	AM	Year 1 party in school
Friday 16 th December	PM	Year 2 party in school
Friday 16th December - School Closes at 3.20pm for the Christmas Holidays		
