



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

December 2011
Newsletter



This term has really flown by and Christmas is nearly upon us! We are very busy in school making our preparations for Nativities and parties etc. In this newsletter I will include details of Christmas events.

REGISTER FOR FSM

You may have heard that schools are being allocated funding to support children who are entitled to free school meals. We use this allocation to pay for extra classroom support which improves the adult:child ratio in all our classrooms and enables us to provide individual and small group work to accelerate pupil progress.

In order for us to access our full allocation we need an accurate record of children who are **entitled** to free school meals even if they choose to bring a packed lunch.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals please call in at our office for a form or telephone 221919 to find out if your child could be entitled even if you do not take up the entitlement your child will still benefit from extra resources in school.

All matters relating to free school meals are entirely confidential.

GET SET (Message from Mrs Gill and Mrs Whibley)

The London 2012 Olympic Games are getting closer. This is an exciting time for the whole country, especially for schools who will be celebrating with special events in lots of exciting ways. Our school is already participating through the use of the official Olympic website for schools "Get Set". Staff are going to be updating our very own page on the website with all the things we do and will continue to do to uphold the Olympic values of; Excellent, Equality, Courage, Respect, Inspiration and Friendship. Our children will be encouraged to log-on and visit the website. We hope for the children to have their own log-on details by next week and they will be able to share their ideas of how they feel that they contribute towards the Olympic values. A real celebration of achievements!

CHURCH NEWS

St Mary's Church welcomes everyone to the Crib Service on Saturday 24th December at 4.00 p.m. As you may already know, Reverend Barnes is leaving St Mary's Church in January to move to a parish by the seaside in Cornwall. His final service will be at St Mary's on Sunday 8th January at 10.30 a.m.

Looking ahead to February, come and join in the St. Mary's Christingle service on Sunday 5th February at 9.30 a.m.

P.T.O.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Members of FOHIS are extremely busy with preparations for our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 27th November. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed so far we have lots of exciting stalls, games and activities planned so please come along and join us on Sunday it is sure to be a very enjoyable afternoon.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Our Christmas performances this year are taking place as follows:-

Key Stage 1 - in St. Mary's Church, Honley
(Years 1 & 2) 2.00pm - Tuesday 13th December

Upper & Lower Foundation - in the School Hall
Afternoon Nursery - 1.30pm - Thursday 8th December
Mrs. McCormick's children - 2.15pm - Thursday 8th December
Morning Nursery - 9.30am - Friday 9th December
Mrs. Adam's children - 10.15am - Friday 9th December

Staff and children are working very hard to ensure that all five performances are as wonderful, fantastic and magical as usual. This year as in previous years, a recording is being made of all performances and as there are small group and solo performances in the Nativity plays, it is especially important that we create a very quiet and calm atmosphere in order for the children to be heard. It is also important that the children are not distracted during the performances as they have to be able to concentrate and remember their parts. For this reason I must make a plea to all parents of younger children to keep them as quiet as possible and to take out any babies or toddlers who are crying or shouting. Thank you for your co-operation.

The FOHIS committee will be serving coffee and mince pies provided by Mrs. Key and the cookery club in the school hall following the service in St Mary's Church on Tuesday.

The Huddersfield Examiner will be taking photographs during the dress rehearsal so look out for us in the Examiner special Nativity feature.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

On Monday 5th December The Hurricane Theatre Group will perform their version of 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' in our school hall. There will be a morning and an afternoon performance to include all the children. Thank you to FOHIS who have paid for this as a Christmas treat for all the children.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The dates and times of the Christmas Parties are as follows:-

Early Years on Wednesday 14th December & Yr 1 & Yr 2 on Friday 16th December Further details about the parties will be sent out later.

Looking forward to seeing you at all the future events.

Mrs. C. Lancaster, Headteacher

