



HOYLANDSWAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Autumn 9

SPECIAL MENTIONS:

Class One: Finley & Scarlett Class Two: Jack & Jacob Class Three: Monty & William Class Four: Harpar & Rebecca Class Five: All Class 5

SUMDOG COMPETITION

It's time for another competition! Our children did so well last time and we were so proud of them. Today marks the start of the Maths Week England Sumdog Contest - this is similar to our previous competition but on a larger scale as it is a national contest. Sumdog is a great games-based learning tool to build maths fluency and being part of this regional contest adds in an exciting competitive element.

Each class has been entered into the competition and has the chance to win some items for their Sumdog house, extra coins for their account and also certificates. Taking part is really easy; children will be able to choose which game they would like to play and each correct answer counts towards their score. The children can play at any time throughout the duration of the competition and will receive a special item for their Sumdog house if they do so. If children pass 100 questions, they will be rewarded with an item for their house too. The first place class in the whole contest will receive a certificate and an extra 5,000 coins added to their Sumdog account. If a child places in the top 10 on the leader board, they will also be rewarded with a certificate. The children will be able to see the contest activity, such as names, classes and schools on the leader board, on their Sumdog homepage. The competition started at 8am today and finishes next Thursday at 8pm – good luck everyone!

BOOK SALE

A used book sale was due to take place next Monday which the school council members were running. Unfortunately we have had to postpone this and will reschedule the date soon.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Royal British Legion Poppy campaign this week buying items from the Poppy Box. This will continue to be taken around classrooms at 2.45pm each day next week so that children can purchase poppy related items for Remembrance Day. The items include traditional poppies, zip pulls, reflectors, wristbands and snap bands – suggested donations by the Royal British Legion range from 50p to £1.50 depending on the item. Please send money in a named envelope with your child if you would like them to support the Poppy Appeal.

HSA NEWS

Fundraising

We have been lucky to have been selected for the Coop Community Fund. If you shop at the Coop please click on the link below and choose Hoylandswaine School Alliance as your chosen charity. The money raised will go towards the final part of the trim trail which the children are really looking forward to being completed. https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/56123

Also, please don't forget to keep popping into Tesco and putting the blue counters into our fundraising pot. Thank you for your continued support!

CLASS FOUR SPONSORED EVENT

Thank you to all the parents who have sent money into school this week for the class 4 sponsored event that they undertook before the half term break. We would be grateful if any more money could be sent in ASAP. Thank you so much for your support for class 4's resources!

SEVERE WEATHER

We have now reached November and so it's time for us to revisit the severe weather policy once again. Although we are hoping for a mild winter, we do need to be prepared for the extreme weather we sometimes see around Hoylandswaine so please take note of the following procedures:

- In the event of severe weather that prevents the school from opening safely at the beginning of the day, a text message will be sent to all parents and information will be put onto the school website regarding the school's status. We will endeavour to inform parents of this decision by 7am as we are conscious that Owls opens at 7.30am
- In the event of severe weather that descends during the school day, we will closely monitor the immediate area and weather forecast. If we become concerned that roads may soon be impassable, we will send out a text message to inform parents that we have made the decision to close. We understand that this is particularly problematic for working parents but would appreciate children being collected as soon as possible after receipt of this message
- After the initial day of closure we will keep the school website updated and also send out text messages to parents to inform on the plans for subsequent days
- We do not take the decision to close the school lightly. We will do all we can to open for all children and will only close if it is not safe to open due to the status of the roads around Hoylandswaine and Penistone or staff inability to travel into school
- At this point we would ask all parents to ensure we have the correct contact details in the office

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year Children in Need day is on Friday 19th November. As this is also the end of Anti-Bullying Week, we intend to hold an 'Express Yourself Non-Uniform Day' on this date asking all children to bring in £1 or £2 to give to the charity. This will serve the dual purpose of raising money for Children in Need and to help reinforce the message we will be giving to children through the week

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Friday 12th November, Tempest Photography will be in school during the morning to take individual/family photos. At 8.30 am it is possible for your child to also have a photograph with his/her younger siblings not yet at school. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs.

Children who have P.E. on that day should come to school in uniform and bring their P.E. kit with them.

LOST PROPERTY

School currently has 33 items of lost property which cannot be returned to its owner as it is not named. Please can you name your child's school uniform so that if found it can be quickly returned to its owner. If your child has misplaced an item of uniform please encourage them to look in our Lost Property basket outside Class 4. Thank you.

AMAZON WISHLIST

In order to support the provision of resources for the children in school please do take a look at our Amazon Wishlist. This is a list of items that we would be very grateful to receive as donations which would improve our resources for the children to use. These resources are used directly by the children and have been worth hundreds of pounds that the school doesn't have. We appreciate them so much – and the children do too! So please do visit <u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1U1D0LF8HGBAL</u> if you can support us too. Thank you

UNWANTED CDS

Many of you will know that each week we play a CD in the entrance hall. This is to expose the children to a range of music as they walk around school and to bring a calm, welcoming atmosphere to the school reception area. As many people now use streaming services we would like to ask for any unwanted CDs as we could use them in school. We are looking for anything that you think would be suitable for the children and visitors of Hoylandswaine. Thank you

SCHOOL LOTTERY

As most of you know we have a school lottery. Over the last year this has raised over £600! Tickets cost £1 and the school will receive 40% of the ticket sales each month. This allows us to buy small gifts for the children for the children, party prizes and special treats for classes and a host of things not covered by the school budget. There will be a guaranteed weekly winner from our school and all tickets have a chance at winning a further £25,000 in a separate draw. Thank you to the many parents and staff members who support this lottery as a way of giving a

little to the school each month. Thank you especially to Sally Danforth and Liz Zandrowicz who won over half term and both donated their winnings to the school! We really do need to get more parents (or friends and family!) signed up to help us to keep providing these things for the children. The more supporters we have and the more tickets we sell the more money we raise for the school and then the higher the weekly prize is. In order to sign up, please click on the link on the home page of our website or go to

<u>https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hoylandswaine-primary-school</u> to sign up. Thank you for your support!

INFORMATION EMAILED TO PARENTS THIS WEEK

1.11.21: Covid update 4.11.21: Parents Evening invitation (paper copy) 4.11.21: Y5/Y6 Residential trip 5.11.21: Class 3 & 4 trip

REPLIES REQUESTED FOR:

Class 1 & 2 trip by 8th November Parents Evening by 10th November Y5/Y6 Residential trip by 11th November Class 3 & 4 trip by 29th November

PAYMENTS REQUIRING YOUR ATTENTION

Class 1 & 2 trip by 8th November Y5/Y6 Residential by 18th November Class 3 & 4 trip by 29th November KS2 Dinners (if appropriate)

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER DATES

11th November – Class 1 & 2 trip
12th November – Individual Photo Day
15th November – Anti-Bullying Week
16th November – parents evening
18th November – parents evening
19th November – Express Yourself Non-Uniform Day – wear anything you want that makes you feel happy!
23rd November – Class 5 sponsored event
24th November – HSA movie night
29th November – beginning of Book Fair Week

Have a lovely weekend

