



# Newsletter

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## **SPECIAL MENTIONS**

Class 1: All of Class 1

Class 2: Bobby & all of Class 2

Class 3: Joe & all of Class 3

Class 4: Charlie & Amelia

Class 5: Harry H & all of Class 5

Well done to everyone!

## **WELCOME**

This week we have been joined by four new children from two families. We would like to extend a warm welcome to both families and hope the children's time here will be very happy and successful for you all.

## **DISCO**

Thank you very much to the members of FOHS who, just before half term, organised a tremendous disco for the children in school. The children had a lot of fun and it was thanks to the hard work of everyone involved.

## **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

We had two lottery winners over half term; Sally Dale and Heidi Tantrum! Congratulations to them both. We have now reached 58 lottery tickets sold which means we are doing better. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support the school with this fundraiser. We would like to keep going if possible! 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. Please consider supporting the school by buying tickets and telling your family members and friends about this too. Tickets cost £1 and the school will receive 40% of the ticket sales each month. 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. In order to sign up, please click on the link on the home page of our website or go to: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hoylandswaine-primary-school> to sign up. Thank you for your support!

## **CLASS DOJO**

We would like to remind parents, especially of our newest children, of the importance of signing up to Class Dojo. This is a simple way for us to keep in contact offering a chance for parents to see all of the house points awarded to their children each week as well as an email service that can prove useful for quick messages between home and school. All children have brought home sign up information but if you need this again please see your child's class teacher. Thank you

## **NEW PARENT GOVERNOR NEEDED**

The board of governors are looking for a new parent governor. The post is for election by parents (if more than one candidate submits their name) and the successful candidate will add to our hard working and dedicated group of governors to support the continued development of the school. The most important attribute at this point is time as many of our governors have extensive commitments so we need someone keen to take on a prominent within the group. If any parent is interested could they please contact me by email in the first instance? Thank you

## **COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you to all the parents who made it to our coffee morning this week – the fame of Mrs Danforth's cake is spreading far and wide and we had our best attendance for a long time! We discussed a range of topics from feedback about Open Book sessions to children's mental health to the length of school holidays and many more topics. It was lovely to see so many of you there sharing your thoughts and ideas. And, as always, thank you to Mrs Danforth for supplying the delicious cake!

### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

As part of national Anti-Bullying week we will be supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance's Odd Socks campaign all week next week. Their campaign is based around 'All Different, All Equal' and they are encouraging children to wear odd socks each day to express their individuality! Please allow your child to come in any odd socks of their choosing on one day or all days next week!

### **OUTDOOR PE**

Can we please ask parents to send outdoor and indoor PE in each child's PE bag at the beginning of the week? This is because Miss Lockwood will take children outside when possible to make best use of the space in the school grounds. At times, the hall is also needed for another purpose and, when the weather is reasonable, we don't want any of the children missing out. Thank you

### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

We will be supporting Children In Need day next week with a non-uniform day in school. Children are welcome to come into school dressed in the clothes of their choice. We would ask that parents support the day by sending £1 into school. Thank you

### **OWLS APPEAL**

Miss Oxley is looking to top up her board game section so, if you are considering having a pre-Christmas clear out at home, please send any complete games in good condition into school. Thank you

### **SEVERE WEATHER POLICY**

Now we are in November, we would like to draw parent attention to our Severe Weather Policy which can be found on our school website in the documents and forms section. We would particularly like to point out the following:

- If a decision to close the school has been made:
  - A text is sent to the parents as soon as we are able
  - The school website (<http://hoyslandswaineprimary.co.uk>) will be regularly updated with news of school closures
  - The school closure will be posted on the Dearne FM website; <http://www.dearnefm.co.uk/news/school-closures>
  - If the closure lasts longer than 1 day the school website will be updated
- We do everything we can to open in cases of severe weather and to stay open if weather worsens in the day. However we would ask parents to bear in mind that most of the staff do not live in the village or nearby so there may be times when they are unable to reach the school from where they live. As we have to have enough staff in school to secure the children's safety this can be a factor in determining whether we can open in severe weather
- When we have opened and weather worsens we will endeavour to stay open but will always make any decision to close during the school day based on the immediate weather conditions in Hoylandswaine as it can have a very particular climate! This may mean that weather conditions where parents are can be very different but as we are the people on the ground within the village we have to make the decision accordingly as part of the trusting relationship between home and school

We are hoping for a mild winter but trust that parents will work with us if we are not so fortunate. Thank you

### **POPPY APPEAL**

Thank you to all of the families who have supported the poppy appeal by purchasing items sent into school by the Royal British Legion. Today in assembly, the children observed a one minute silence with the staff as a mark of respect for the armed forces and victims of conflict around the world.

### **WOOD ON THE GROUNDS**

We have an amount of wood on the grounds that we are happy to donate to any parents who may find a use for it. Mr Haigh has put it next to the pedestrian entrance to the school on the right as you face the hall. Anyone who would like to take some is very welcome

### **JUMBLE SALE**

We have been asked to inform parents of a Jumble Sale that is being held at Hoylandswaine Village Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 between 10 am and 12 noon. All welcome.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club catalogues have been distributed to children today. Please return orders to school by Monday 4th December 2017. Alternatively orders can be made on line – visit

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/hoylandswaine-primary> and follow the instructions to place your order.

Thank you.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Lost property is currently displayed in the school hall and is available to view each morning before registration and each evening at 3.30 pm. Any items not collected by Friday 17 November will be donated to charity.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS**

We are collating uniform orders. If you wish to place an order please send your order form with payment (cheque or debit/credit card – NO CASH) to the school office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Don't forget to have a look on the nearly new clothing rail (outside the school hall) for any items that have been donated back to school. There are some good bargains and all the proceeds go back to school via FOHS.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

School photographs will be distributed to children today to bring home for you to see. Please return your photograph order with payment in the envelope provided to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. If you miss the deadline to return your order you will have to contact Tempest the photography company directly and they will charge you a £4 postage/late order fee.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

All children who usually bring their own sandwiches for lunch have been invited to have a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of £2.00. If your child usually has sandwiches please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter sent out this week and return it to school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DATES**

- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Launch
- 17<sup>th</sup> November 9.10am – class 5 parents assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Non-Uniform Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> November 9.10am – class 4 parents assembly
- W/C 27<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fair week
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – flu immunisation day
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 choir members at Lunch Club in the village

Have a lovely weekend

# ***FRIENDS OF HOYLANDSWAINE SCHOOL***

Welcome back from half term, we hope you all had a lovely week.

The Halloween disco was another successful event with the children once again having fun. Thank you to all involved and everyone who volunteered. As you know we are always looking to improve on events so if there is anything you would like to see at future discos, be done differently then feedback is greatly appreciated.

We are now in the countdown to Christmas. We will be needing volunteers for decorations and refreshments so please take a look on the dates on the yearly planner and if you are able to help at any please let FOHS know.

Have a good weekend.

- **AGM Meeting/FOHS Monthly Meeting TBC**

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