



HOYLANDSWAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1: Mathew P & Isabella

Class 2: Lydia & Betty

Class 3: Milo & Vinnie

Class 4: Amelie & Martha

Class 5: Oliver & Alex

Well done to everyone!

CLASS ASSEMBLY

Thank you to our wonderful Y6 children for a fabulous class assembly today. They certainly got the year of parent assemblies off to a good start today. Well done to them all.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone for the donations to Children in Need sent into school today. We will be counting the money and sending it off to the charity next week!

NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week we undertook a number of projects to support National Anti-Bullying Week. Thank you to all the parents who allowed their children to come in odd socks – it was quite a sight in assemblies! We have worked on valuing individuality with the children this week and how even though we are all different, we are all equal. The children have been enthusiastic participants and we are looking forward to continuing the work around kindness and respect for everyone over the coming half term.

FOHS CAMPAIGN

The members of FOHS recently applied for The Cooperative Community Scheme where a percentage of customer's spend is donated to local charities. Happily they were accepted! The project will be to provide a canopy to cover the outdoor learning area for class one so that the children can learn outdoors in all weathers. This is badly needed in order to teach all aspects of the foundation stage curriculum.

The project is a long one as we will be one of the registered local charities for the coming year. In order for us to earn money for the school, we need people to become a member of the coop's loyalty scheme. Then during this time, when these members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund. You will then need to choose your cause (our school!) on the cooperative website. We will also get an equal share of the money raised from sales of carrier bags.

We hope everyone will support this project as well as getting family members and friends registered and shopping at the Co-op. Just give it a couple of weeks for the Co-op to load the information on their website. Thank you!

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our lottery winner this week was Caroline Gibson! Congratulations to Caroline. We have now reached 63 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!

HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR

On the week commencing 27th November, we will be holding a book fair in school at the end of each day (Monday to Thursday). This will be held in the school hall from 3.30pm until around 4pm. This is a chance for any children who have been saving money in their bank books to select their books of choice. During the day on 27th November all classes will visit the book fair to look at the books. If you would like your child to spend some of their savings in the book fair please send them with their bank book on Monday 27th November. For everyone else, please visit the book fair after school between Monday and Thursday. There will be lots of lovely books and other items at half price; ideal for Christmas gifts! The school will earn commission on any books and items sold which will allow us to replenish the books around school. Please support us if you can.

MISS HUDSON'S SWIMMING EVENT

As reported on a previous newsletter Miss Hudson has been taking on a new challenge by swimming the length of the channel (22 miles - or 1,416 lengths!) to raise money for Aspire, a charity which supports people who have suffered from a spinal cord injury. She has now completed the challenge which took her only 10 weeks. If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause and support Miss Hudson in her swim, she has set up a JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beth-channel-swim>. Many thanks to all

CHRISTMAS ENTERPRISE FAIR

The junior children have been working hard on their enterprise projects with me in Enterprise Club each Thursday over this term. On Thursday 14th December we will be holding a Christmas Fair in the hall from 3.30pm in order to allow the children to sell their items. There are many festive products that would make lovely presents for friends and family members. The children have made everything themselves and hope you will be able to pop in and support them.

CHRISTMAS TREE

In the last few years we have been very fortunate as a parent or grandparent has stepped in to provide a Christmas tree for our hall. I would be very grateful if a parent would volunteer to provide a large tree for this year too with school budgets being what they are! Please email me if you are able to help us. Thank you

CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDAR

Thanks to a kind grandparent, class one have a lovely homemade advent calendar to use this year. Joe (in class 3) has a grandma who has sewn a beautiful calendar that we know our youngest children will love. Many thanks

CHANGE OF DATE

At the request of Tempest Photography, we have changed the date of the class photos from the original diary dates sent out in September. The date of 1st March has been replaced with 27th February so please update calendars accordingly.

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 position within the group. If any parent is interested could they please contact me by email in the first instance? Thank you

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

'MEND THE MANGER'

Performances of this infant nativity play will take place on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December. Please return your request for tickets to school by Monday 27th November. On the week of the performances any spare tickets will be available to all parents in school from the school office.

PARENTS EVENING

On 27th/29th November we are holding our Parents Evenings. Please ensure you return your letter to your child's class teacher to make a convenient appointment if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Due to Parents Evenings taking place there will be no Choir or Food Tech Club taking place on these dates.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The last day for ordering school photographs is today. If you have missed this deadline but would still like to order photographs you can order direct from Tempest, details of how to do this can be found on the photograph envelope sent home last week. 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 by the office manager
 - The school website (<http://hoylandswaineprimary.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. 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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DATES

- 24th November 9.10am – class 4 parents assembly
- W/C 27th November – Book Fair week
- 27th November – flu immunisation day
- 27th November – Parents Evening
- 29th November – Parents Evening
- 5th December – Y6 choir members at Lunch Club in the village
- 12th December 2pm – Infant Christmas nativity
- 13th December 9.30am – infant Christmas nativity
- 13th December 6pm – Christingle service at church
- 14th December 2pm – infant Christmas nativity
- 14th December 3.30pm – Enterprise Club Christmas fair in hall
- 19th December pm – infant Christmas party
- 20th December – Christmas lunch for children
- 21st December – junior Christmas carol service in church
- 21st December – junior Christmas party
- 22nd December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term

Have a lovely weekend

FRIENDS OF HOYLANDSWAINE SCHOOL

We are now in the countdown to Christmas. We will be needing volunteers for decorations and refreshments. Dates to be on next week's newsletter.

Have a good weekend.

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

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