



HOYLANDSWAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1: Darcey & Alice
Class 2: Poppy D & Finn
Class 3: William & Reese
Class 4: Georgio & Sam
Class 5: Jacob & Harry C
Well done to everyone!

COMMUNICATION

We have chosen to send this week's newsletter in paper format for this week only to make some important points to parents. Along with most services, and in order to save badly needed money, our newsletter has been in electronic version on the school website since last term. We have, however, been experiencing communication issues between home and school because parents are not reading the newsletter. On Friday afternoons we send a text alert to let parents know that the newsletter for the week has been published and after this it is parental responsibility to read it. If parents go to the website they can even request the newsletter emailing to them. If it is not read this leads to children not having the right things on the right days or being left at school when they should have been collected and many other issues. We work hard to communicate all we do to parents but parents must play their part in this in order to make it work and this is not always happening.

We would also ask that parents make careful note of the dates of the extra-curricular programme for their child when they choose to send a child to one of our clubs. We have an extensive range of clubs for the benefit of the children, larger than many schools bigger than we are, and these take a lot of co-ordination. When the letter to advertise clubs is sent home to parents it clearly states the days the club will run and any dates that it will not run due to parents' evening or staff training etc. It is up to parents to make a note of these dates and ensure that provision is made for their child on days that clubs do not run. We put reminders on the newsletter but these are not of use if parents are then also not reading the newsletter.

I would ask all parents to ensure they are doing their part in communication with school in order to give the children the best experience we all can. Thank you

CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Danforth for offering to provide a wonderful Christmas tree for our hall. Decorating day for the school has taken place today and we hope you all look forward to seeing the school decorated for the festive season.

LINKS WITH THE WIDER WORLD

We have been working on our Global Development Programme for a while now. This is where we bring the wider world into the classroom so that the children have a deeper understanding of the world in which they live. We have been seeking a school in another country with whom we could work to build up the children's understanding of what it is like to be a child in another country but have had limited success! If you or a family member have links in another country and know of someone in a school anywhere in the world who would be happy to develop a link project with our school please contact me. Thank you

PARKING

I have received a complaint from Conroys House Builders and also from Barnsley Council about the way some parents are parking at the edge of their development. The emails were accompanied by photos of these cars that show parking they consider to be inconsiderate and dangerous. I would like to remind all parents not to park on the corners of the entrance to the new development. Thank you

CLASS DOJO

We are aware that a few parents have been having problems accessing Class Dojo. Mr Bond will run a clinic for anyone struggling with the system after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on Thursday 14th December. He will be in the school hall as this is also the same evening for our Enterprise Fair.

HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair this week. We will let you know how much money we have raised for books for the school on next week's newsletter.

FOHS CAMPAIGN

The members of FOHS recently applied for The Co-operative 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 Co-op'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. A link has been provided: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/17086>

We hope everyone will support this project as well as getting family members and friends registered and shopping at the Co-op.

OWLS COLLECTION

There has recently been a spate of children being collected late from Owls. We recognise that sometimes emergencies happen but can we please ask parents to communicate these to us so that we make provision with staff? We would also ask that any parents who do collect children late do not then decide to go to classes to search for lost items as this causes further delays to the staff. Thank you

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Next Tuesday we will be taking some of our Y6 choir members up to the church lunch club which is run on a regular basis for the benefit of the elderly members of the community. This time they are visiting to sing Christmas carols and bring some festive spirit to the group. We know they will make us proud!

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

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our lottery winner this week was Elizabeth Underwood - again! Congratulations to Elizabeth. We have now reached 66 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 get to 100 if we could! Please click on: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hoylandswaine-primary-school> to sign up or see the school website. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Any parent who has been to our carol service for the last couple of years will know what a squash it has become in the church. With a further increase in school numbers this year, we have decided to make some changes to our service which will be held on Thursday 21st December at 9.30am. The junior children will attend the carol service while the infant children will remain in school as the junior children are the performers for the service. The juniors will perform to the infant children on the afternoon of 20th December so they still experience the service. In this way, we hope that there will be enough room for parents and family members to fit into the church with some level of comfort.

PENISTONE CLEAN AND TIDY AND OUR POND

We have been fortunate in securing the assistance of Penistone Clean and Tidy to help improve the pond area in school which has become overgrown and unusable. They work with volunteers from the community to improve areas that benefit members of the community. As such they will be in school on the morning of Friday 15th December and we would like to ask if any parents who are able to volunteer can come into school to work with them. Some of our oldest children will also be part of the project. If you are able to spare a couple of hours from 9.15am please get in touch with me. Thank you

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Reply slips for extra-curricular clubs should be returned to school by Monday 4th December 2017.

Reply slips for the KS2 Fruit letter and completed parent questionnaires should be returned to school by Monday 11th December 2017. Thank you.

'MEND THE MANGER' NATIVITY PLAY – KS1

The play takes place on Tuesday 12th December at 2.00 pm, Wednesday 13th December at 9.30 am and Thursday 14th December at 2.00 pm. Additional tickets are available on a first come first served basis from the school office on Wednesday 6th December 2017 for any parents/family members who would like to attend.

BARNSELY MUSIC SERVICE (BMS)

Please remember to let us know if your child no longer wishes to have music tuition in the Spring term, as we have to inform BMS before the first week back in January. We will be setting up the payments for the Spring term on schoolmoney.co.uk before we finish for the Christmas break and payments should be made by Friday 12th January 2018.

SCHOOL FRUIT (KS2)

Letters have been sent out today for you to let us know if your child would like to have school fruit during the Spring term. This is applicable for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. All infant children receive a piece of fruit as part of the Fruit for Schools Government Initiative free of charge. Unfortunately this does not include junior children. The cost for fruit for the whole of the Spring term is £20. Please return your slips to the school office by Monday 11th December, so payments can be set up before the end of term.

POPPY APPEAL

We have been informed that our school raised a fantastic £218.03 towards the recent poppy appeal. Thank you for your donations to this cause.

DECEMBER DATES

- 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



Hello

Once again we are asking for donations and volunteers for the following:

- **Christmas Hamper Donations**
 - If you would like to donate wine, food, chocolate for the Christmas raffle, please start sending donations into school. We need all donations by Friday 8th December. This is a popular raffle and any donations greatly received
- **Nativity Refreshment Volunteers**
 - 12th, 13th, 14th December sees the KS1 Christmas Performance. FOHS put on refreshments and volunteers are required for this event. We generally need 2 people selling raffle tickets and another 2 on refreshments. If you are able to help on any of the performances please get in touch - 07497105418

Have a good weekend

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