



HOYLANDSWAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1: Quinn & Theo
Class 2: Milli & Lydia
Class 3: Stan
Class 4: Bethany & Elliott
Class 5: Jacob & Maisie
Well done to everyone!



STAFF NEWS

Mr Bond, who was appointed as our Assistant Headteacher in 2014, will have a title change from January 2018 to Deputy Headteacher. This is to reflect the growth of the school in the last three years as well as his substantial contribution to the leadership of the school.

Unfortunately, we will be losing our morning out of school club assistant Miss Armstong from January. She has obtained another post within social care and so will leave us at Christmas. Mr Lockwood has agreed to step into her role for the coming term initially on a temporary basis. We would like to thank Miss Armstrong for her work with the children over the last term and wish her the best of luck for the future.

FATHER CHRISTMAS AND PIE AND PEAS!

Come along to see Father Christmas arrive on his sleigh between 5.30pm and 6pm on Friday 22nd December before switching on the Christmas tree lights outside the Rose and Crown. Children will have an opportunity to have a quick last word with Father Christmas to ensure all is in order for the big day. There will then be some carol singing around the tree, accompanied by a small brass band. The pub will be serving pie and peas afterwards. All welcome. The event has been organised by Hoylandswaine Village Festival; find them on Facebook to keep up with other events.

CHRISTMAS ENTERPRISE FAIR

Some of the junior children have been attending an Enterprise Club after school on Thursdays this term. On Thursday 14th December they will be holding a festive Enterprise Fair to showcase and sell their goods. The children have had to come up with ideas and designs, determine materials to buy, cost their product and then make and advertise it. There will be lots of little gifts ideal for Christmas so please come along and support our children between 3.30pm and 4.30pm if you can!

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

We recently requested applications for a willing parent volunteer to join our Governing Body. We received one application which the GB are delighted to accept. In the absence of any other nominees there has been no requirement for an election process and the GB would like to extend a warm welcome to Amanda Rose, parent of Alice in Reception. Amanda has a financial background and having connections with the Girls Brigade, being a parent and a Student Mentor has given her an insight into a range of school aspects. The GB should like to thank Amanda and look forward to working together with her. Thank you to all parents who expressed an interest.

FOHS OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

As many of you will be aware, last year the parents of FOHS were fundraising to provide an outdoor gazebo for the playground area. Last year £5000 was raised for this project. After much discussion about the most suitable building as well as the parents of FOHS meeting with a group of children in school last week, the members of FOHS would like to be able to provide a sturdier glass fronted building for the children and community to use. Therefore they have decided to fund raise for this over the coming year too. Altogether it will take around £9000 to fund the proposed structure so we do hope parents will be able to help by supporting the events over the year.

FOHS DECORATIONS

Thank you to the parents of FOHS who came into school last week and then again at the beginning of this week to make Christmas decorations with the children. These are now looking beautiful on our wonderful tree in the hall and will be sent home with the children on the last day of the term.

KEYBOARD LOAN

Miss Hudson would like to borrow a keyboard to use in the hall on Wednesday 20th December. If you have a keyboard you would be able to bring into school for this day please contact me. Thank you

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On the days of the Christmas parties (see dates section below) the children are able to dress in party clothes for the party. As we have some other things going on during those days, we would ask that juniors come to school dressed in party clothes but that infants come to school dressed in their outdoor PE clothes and bring their party clothes with them in a bag. This is due to a judo workshop that the children are all undertaking on the morning of the infant party. Thank you

HANDING ITEMS INTO THE OFFICE

We do try to keep as much information on the newsletter as possible so that there are fewer letters being sent home. However, at times, we have to send letters that require slips to be completed or information sent in envelopes etc. Every class has a folder into which they place these kinds of items and this is subsequently sent to the office with the lunch register. Sometimes parents prefer to hand these things in at the office. After some recent feedback from a parent who suggested that a box in the entrance would stop parents from disturbing Mrs Taylor and Mrs Roebuck, we have placed a cream basket next to the sign in and out book. This is available for any parent who would like to use this so please use this if you would find it useful.

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 for any parents who are able to volunteer 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. All participants will need wellies or sturdy boots at the very least. If your child is one of our Y6 volunteers please send these to school with them on Friday in a bag. Thank you

HOYLANDSWAINE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Hoylandswaine Christmas tree festival returns this year, opening next Friday (15th). There will be around 18 trees decorated in different styles, some traditional, some far less so, all entered by individuals and village groups as diverse as the church cleaning ladies and the junior cricket team (as well as an entry which is bound to strike a chord with frazzled parents at this time of year!).

The festival opens on Friday 15th at 7pm (wine will be available!) and then on Saturday 16th between 1pm and 3.30pm, when there will be refreshments and a few fundraising stalls. The festival is also open on Sunday 17th, Sat 23rd, Weds 27th, Sun 31st and Mon 1st between 1pm and 3.30pm - a perfect excuse to get everyone out of the house and give you that festive feeling!

Please go along and support the church and a village event which was hugely successful when it ran a few years ago. Hoylandswaine Owls Breakfast and After-school club have been busy preparing their entry this week and they would love for it to have lots of views and maybe some votes for the best tree!

ROADWORKS ON CROSS LANE

We have been informed in advance that there will be some remedial work completed on the verges of Cross Lane next week. The company has informed us that they intend to complete this within the school day but there may be some disruption so please plan accordingly. Thank you

SPELLING

Class teachers have begun to add videos that explain spelling patterns onto their class pages. Teachers will add these every couple of weeks when appropriate so please check your child's class page regularly as watching the videos will support the children in learning the strategies at home too. Thank you.

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 can 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 further delays the staff. Thank you

HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR

Just to let you know that, in total the event raised £82 for books for the school. Thank you to all for your support!

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Some of our Y6 members attended the village Lunch Club this week to entertain some of the elderly members of the community. The children did a great job of bringing the festive atmosphere to the event and were rewarded with some chocolate treats!

CLASS DOJO

We are aware a few parents have been having problems accessing Class Dojo. Mr Bond had been planning to run a clinic for anyone struggling with the system on Thursday 14th December at the fair but has, unfortunately, been called away on that day. Instead he will be available on Thursday 21st December from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in his classroom so please pop in if you need some help.

'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. A number of tickets are still available for all performances of the nativity play and can be collected from the school office.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our lottery winner this week was Vicky Pearson! Congratulations to Vicky. We have now reached 66 lottery tickets sold which means we are doing well. 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.

KS2 FRUIT

If you would like your child to have fruit next term please return the reply slip from the letter distributed last week by Monday 11th December 2017. Thank you.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Letters confirming club places have been distributed to children today. Please let school know straight away if your child no longer wants to participate in the club offered. Payments will be set up this week and these should be made on schoolmoney.co.uk before your child attends the first session.

STUDENT SAVINGS BANK

The school bank has closed for 2017 and following the recent Book Fair it has been decided to audit savings books. Please send savings books into school as soon as possible for auditing. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you for your generous donations for the Christmas Raffle. 2 books of raffle tickets have been allocated to each family and will be brought home by children today. Please complete each ticket stub (not just each book) and return with the money to school by Friday 15th December. Your support of this FOHS initiative is much appreciated. (Please see FOHS page at the end of this newsletter for further details).

DECEMBER DATES

- 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

Thank you for your kind donations for the Christmas hampers. The hampers will be on display next week during the KS1 performance where you are able to purchase raffle tickets. 2 books of raffle tickets per family have been sent home today in book bags, so please support us by selling these and returning the ticket stubs and money to school by Friday 15th December. The winning tickets will be drawn during the carol service on Thursday 22nd December.

- **Nativity Refreshment Volunteers**

12th, 13th, 14th December sees the KS1 Christmas Performance. FOHS put on refreshments and volunteers are required for this event. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and baking 😊 If you are able to help on any of the performances please get in touch - 07712 651265

FOHS are also registered with just giving. Please see link below and sign up. A percentage of online shopping goes towards FOHS fundraising so the more parents who sign up the more we can get to raise vital funds. And most of us I'm sure shop with Amazon at times.

Just click on the link and search for FOHS and sign up - many thanks in advance <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Have a good weekend

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