

Junior School Link



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Welcome from Headteacher

We are looking forward to entertaining our Italian friends next week, in and out of school. The families are staying in the Halifax area. The children will be joining in our activities in school for four days. They will be improving their English, their knowledge of England and our culture. We will be learning more about their language and where they come from. We feel sure that they will be made to feel very welcome.

Return to Mr Robinson's



On Thursday Form 3 re-visited Mr Robinson's allotment to see the changes that had taken place this season and the progress of the seeds they had planted on the previous occasion. To their surprise,

the curly kale had grown to almost their own size and the children assisted in weeding this out to make compost for future plant growth. The children were also allowed to pick, wash and taste a radish and then delivered spinach to the local fish monger. A good time was had by all and many thanks to Mr Robinson for allowing us to visit and provide us with this informative hands-on experience.

PTA Raffle

The PTA will be holding a raffle on Sports Day to raise money for the school charities - Hope Village and MPS - luxury prizes will be on offer including a hamper, champagne, meal voucher and chocolates. Please do support these good causes in our last fundraising event of the year.

Sports Day!

Many apologies about the postponement of Sports Day - hopefully the sun will shine on Thursday 17 June for us. If you did not receive a text from the school text service informing you of the change of date please call into the office to check your details are correct.

The programme will still be as follows –

Morning – Nursery and Reception from 9.30am-11.30am

Afternoon - Form 1 - Form 6 from 1.30pm -4.00pm

Face painting will be available by the PTA throughout the day for £1 per child.

Reminder—Aftercare

If you have booked your child into aftercare on a long term basis and you no longer need the place please let the office or Miss Meechan know.

Aftercare is full on some days. We have had to turn away extra requests recently due to people not keeping us informed. If your child is off sick please could you also let the office know about Aftercare when you ring in.

My Running Experience

On 4th June my family and I did the Blenheim Triathlon. We had lots of fun. The men went first. Whilst they were doing it the other competitors had a big picnic [all the rest of my family]. In the afternoon the woman's race took place and so did the children's. The Triathlon is three races, Swimming, Cycling and Running. The children's race was different because we did not swim. We started with running then cycling then running. I ran 700m cycled 1500m then ran 400m. I came third out of six in the 10+. I was really tired so I poured a bottle of water over my head.

By Rebekah Cannon, Form 6

Cakes Wanted!



Please could everyone bake a cake or buns or biscuits for the stall on Sports Day.

All donations gratefully received! Thank you!

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Music Exams

Seven pupils will be taking guitar and piano examinations next Wednesday 16 June at the Senior school. Good luck to them. If your child is one of these seven you will be sent a separate letter detailing the individual arrangements.

Achievements

Congratulations to Gemma Hall who at the age of 5 has just been awarded her 200m swimming badge, completing 16 lengths in just under 20 minutes.

Congratulations also to Archie Hall in Nursery. He has just completed his 5m badge (with no armbands) !

Bits and Bobs

Barnardoes Boxes

Please bring in your boxes for the money count next Thursday 17 June. Thank you.

Menu

The menu for the next week is week 3 and is on the web-site.

Nursery Parents!

If your child is going into Reception please remember the meeting next Thursday 17 June at 6.30pm. Please confirm to the office that you will be attending if you have not already done so.

PTA Sports Day Events

Do stay or come along for the BBQ after Sports Day.

There will be sausages, burgers, vegi burgers, summer punch and a cake stall. There will be no pre-sold tickets so cash will be needed on the day! Last year we had a wonderful afternoon after Sports Day so do come and enjoy it.

The classes and teachers will be running their own activity stalls and there will be a luxury raffle.

We are also hoping that one of the parents will be selling Phoenix cards and gifts. If there are any other parents who would like a stall for a % donation to the PTA funds please let the office or Naz know.

If anyone can help set up from 2pm onwards or with the BBQ and stalls later, even if just for a short time, please let Naz Koomar (Charlotte and Zak Wood's mum) or the office know.

As many parents will be coming to Sports Day we are aware that some children will need After Care. If you are unable to attend or still need After Care on Sports Day please let Miss Meechan or the office know as soon as possible. Due to Sports Day there will be no clubs on Thursday 17 June.

School Council News

The School Council have made their first purchase with their well earned funds. We now have a sturdy picnic table and benches in the grounds to enjoy in our break times and whilst watching fixtures! Well done School Council!

Club Cancellations

Please note that the following clubs will be cancelled:

W/c Monday 21 June - all sports clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Thursday 24 June—Juggling before school

W/C 28 June - Thursday 1 July Cricket (Awards evening)

W/C 5 July - Tuesday 6 July—lunchtime Netball

Important Diary Dates

Monday 14th June: Reception, F1 and F2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Monday 14th—17th June: Italian Exchange

Thursday 17th June: Sports Day

Friday 18th June: F6 Second Cycling Proficiency session

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd June: F5 and 6 Residential Trip to Ingleton

Thursday 1st July: Awards Evening—Reception—F6 at Square Chapel Halifax from 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Monday 5th July: Transition Afternoon. Children will spend an afternoon with their new teacher.

Tuesday 6th July: Nursery trip to Thornton Hall Farm

Tuesday 6th July: Leavers' Concert - Evening (details shortly)

Wednesday 7th July: Optional Parents' Evening

Thursday 8th July: Final assembly. Parents of leavers are welcome

Friday 9th July: End of term at 12 Noon, Leavers' Party in afternoon—details to follow.