

Junior School Link



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Welcome from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Friends, I have been analysing all the questionnaires you kindly returned to school. I am delighted so many of you are happy with our provision. I have taken note of your concerns and suggestions and have already put the wheels in motion to act on these where possible. I thank you for the time you have taken to put together your thoughts. Your ideas, suggestions and comments are always welcome and can be given to Mrs. Hall in the office at any time, either by word of mouth or by letter. Mrs. Hall will pass them onto me. You are also welcome to email any responses you may have directly. Home and school are working together as a team for the benefit of the children and their future.

French Morning

Madame Canning has arranged a range of activities and songs for us to share as a school throughout the morning instead of normal lessons. All the classes from Reception upwards will be taking part. We will also be having a typical French lunch that Madame Canning has asked Mrs. Denton to prepare – look out for the photos next week!

Charity Raffle

Charlotte Wood of Form 3 has organized a raffle for all the children in school in aid of her charity t-the charity for Mucopolysaccharide diseases – MPS. Tickets will be 25p and will be sold on Wednesday and Thursday next week. The winning tickets will be drawn at Assembly on Friday next week – there are a range of fantastic prizes to be won so please remember to send in some money. MPS is one of the three chosen charities

Music Hour



We love music in our school and on Wednesday 12 May we are to hold a music hour. All our children from Reception through to Year 6 have music lesson with our specialist music teacher, Mrs. Zarneh, and share the pleasure of singing, playing and composing. Mrs. Zarneh also holds choir as a lunch time club. She works closely

with staff towards our concerts and ensuring her lessons are tailored to link in with topics where possible.

Reception will be performing, the Choir will be singing music and the Recorder club (another lunch time club for Reception, Form 1 and Form 2) will also be playing some pieces. The brass, woodwind and guitar group will also entertain the audience.

Our peripatetic music teachers from the senior school teach guitar, brass, woodwind and piano. Other instruments are available, most children start from Form 2 and Form 3 upwards, but some instruments can be taught from younger. The children, who are making good progress in their lessons, will showcase their talents during music hour. In addition to this, if you would like to come and find out how your children learn music and instrumental expertise do come and join us on Wednesday at 2pm. It's a lot of fun.

Italian Exchange

You may remember that we have established links with a small independent school in the centre of Rome – Mater Dolorosa Roma. Four children from the school will be visiting Halifax and our school with their parents from 14-18 June. During that week I am arranging for the families to spend time both in our school and also visit other schools and sights in the local area.

Some of you expressed an interest in going to Rome yourselves for your children to make a reciprocal visit to the Italian school. If you wish to take this opportunity to forge these links and “befriend” a family, then please see me to discuss this. It would be wonderful for the Italian families to spend a few hours with English families if you can spare the time. The families visiting are a 7 year old girl and her 9 year old brother, a 6 year old girl and a 10 year old girl.

Road Safety

Mrs. Reynolds has been talking with Calderdale Highways division and the Road Safety Group for many months to try and resolve the parking, signage and crossing issues on Wakefield Road outside our school.

The matter has been on the agenda for the Governing Body meeting and we are investigating the installation of a crossing patrol. The personnel from Calderdale have been monitoring the movement of children this week into our school and the impact a crossing patrol would have on the traffic. Even if Calderdale recommend that a patrol crossing is put in place they do employ or pay the individual concerned – this would be done by the school. We hope to have more news on this shortly.

Rounders Match

Mr Brighthouse is organising a Rounders match next Friday for Year 6 against Parents at the Grammar School at 3.45pm. Please ask Mr. Brighthouse if you would like to join in!

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Key Stage 1 Gardening News



As mentioned last week the children have been growing cress - Mr and Mrs Bentley (parents of William in Reception) came into school to show us how they sow salad crops for their market garden business. We learnt how to plant our cress seeds, which can provide a rich source of vitamin C and Iron. The children took the production process very seriously with official hairnets being worn by all! Later in the week, the children followed up this visit with exciting work in the classroom - once the cress had grown Form 1 learnt all about what cress can be used for and treated themselves and Mrs Reynolds to some egg and cress sandwiches. A very big thank you to Mr and Mrs Bentley for sharing their time and experience – it was a fantastic lesson.

The gardening theme was also continued outside by all classes, with the planting up of the vegetable plots with potatoes, peas and onions. What a treat for Reception, Form 1 and Form 2, who can look forward to eating the results of their efforts!

Welcome to New Staff

We welcome David Bentley our new caretaker. Mr Bentley will be working in school at the start and end of each day and many of you may have met him since he started last week.

We also welcome Miss Jill Dyson who is on a placement period with us for 2 terms for 2 days a week, helping with Reception, Form 1 and Form 2. Miss Dyson is doing Cache Level 3 in Child-care and Education at Kirklees College.

After Care

After Care have decided to arrange their week to provide certain activities on certain days in addition to the play and outdoor activities already on offer. The following will be the general weekly timetable:

- Monday – prepare Role Play and enjoy Spanish conversation
- Tuesday – Baking
- Wednesday – Craft (set activity)
- Thursday – Children's quiz
- Friday – Disco and party games

Class Photographs

School class photographs will be taken on Thursday 20 May. Please can you make sure that everyone comes into school looking neat and tidy that day! Waterhouse Photography from Hipperholme (who took the individual pictures earlier this year) will be taking the photographs and details of how you can purchase these will be sent home shortly afterwards.

Match Report

Even though we lost 4-1 against the Read school I thought we had more possession of the ball. The only reason we lost was because of one nifty striker, finding a gap in our strong defence and scoring unfortunate goals against our awesome keeper Joseph Hunter. **By James Lathom-Sharp**

Hometime

You may have noticed that we have addressed your concerns regarding the way in which the children leave school at the end of the day. We would be pleased if you would play your part in the process by keeping the narrow path next to the Nursery playground clear in order for children and parents to leave the premises easily. No child will be allowed to leave until we can see their parent. It would be helpful for parents to wait in the main part of the playground and children will be sent to you when they are dismissed by the form teacher.

Holiday Club

Holiday Club will be available from 8am-6pm Tuesday – Friday of half term week. There will be no Holiday Club on Bank Holiday Monday. If you wish to book a place please ask for a booking form from the office or Miss Meechan. Please note that all places booked will be charged for as per the booking form. There will be an adventure trip out to Bradley Woods on the Wednesday. - please see Miss Meechan for further details. There may be an additional small cost for this day depending on the activity.

Fees for Holiday Club are:

- Per hour - £3.50
- Mornings 8am - 1pm - £17.50
- Afternoons 1pm - 6pm - £17.50
- All day - £30.00

All places need to be booked by Thursday 20 May.

Diary Dates

- Friday 7th May—PTA Social CANCELLED
- Tuesday 11th May—Reception and Key Stage 1 Trip—Yorkshire Sculpture Trip
- Wednesday 12th May—Children's Concert
- Thursday 13th May—French Day
- W/C Monday 17th May—NFER Exams
- Wednesday 19th May—Uniform Roadshow
- Monday 24th May—Form 3 and 4 Residential Trip to Hebden Hey
- Friday 28th May—Half Term—3.30pm

Menu

The menu next week is week 2. It is also available on our website www.hgsf.org.uk