



HOYLANDSWAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Autumn 9

A copy of this newsletter can be found on the school website: www.hoylandswaineprimary.co.uk
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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1: Harrison Dale, Ashton Coggan
Class 2: Millie Tantrum, Bobby Wright
Class 3: Reese Brophy, Toby Ibbotson
Class 4: Nancy Abernethy, Madeline Croft
Class 5: Emily Douglas, Alex Gardham
Well done to everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Miss Hudson had recently decided to enter our school choir in the Dearne FM Radio Station competition to find the best school choir to sing on at the switching on of the Christmas lights in the town centre this year. On Monday morning we found out that...we had won! We know we have always thought our choir was fabulous but it's lovely to hear that other people think that too. Well done to Miss Hudson and our wonderful choir for their super win. They will be singing at the light switch-on next week on Wednesday between 5pm and 7pm. Even if your child isn't a member of the choir, please feel free to go into town and cheer them on!

COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to the parents who attended the coffee morning this week and many thanks to Mrs Danforth who, again, supplied a lovely array of cakes to be enjoyed. Over the time we discussed the transition into school and the transition to new classes throughout school. As a result of the coffee morning we would like to suggest the following:

- We recognise that we have a problem in class one on a morning at the moment due to the small cloakroom and the number of children and parents. We are very aware this can be overwhelming for the children but unfortunately there is no easy answer as we have to work with the space we have been given. We have already requested that all parents of Y1 children allow the children to come into the classroom and would now like to ask that reception parents allow their children to do this too. The children are very well settled into school and confident and familiar with their classroom routines. Unless your child has additional needs please allow all the children in class one to come into the cloakroom by themselves from next Monday. To help with this, Mrs Earnshaw and Mrs Bromley will welcome the children into the school building in the corridor outside the room so you know they have been received safely. Mrs Bramley, Mrs Brown and Miss Pearson will be in the classroom to then supervise the children. We hope this will make the mornings smoother for the children. Thank you for your help

You will see other suggestions have impacted on other points in the newsletter. Thank you to the parents who attended. We do appreciate your time to work with us to make the school a great place to be for the children and the parents.

SCHOOL BANK

Thank you to all parents who have been sending children into school with money and their bank book. This is going well and the Y5/6 children are getting used to their new role as bankers! As a result of a suggestion made at the coffee morning, we thought it would be useful to mention that most children are bringing in a pound or two each week rather than large amounts. Although this is up to individuals, this would seem to be a nice regular amount to get children to save from pocket money or from money given to the children as gifts.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2018/19

The council are currently consulting on the school holiday pattern for Barnsley on their website. We would like to encourage parents to log on to the BMBC website to register for the survey and submit your views.

BUDDY BENCH

We now have our new buddy bench in place in the playground and, in assembly, we have talked to the children about using this. We have explained that this is a bench for anyone to use at playtime if they would like a friend to play with or to join in with a game. The children in school have been trained to watch out for anyone sat on the bench and ask them if they would like to join them. We hope that this will make playtimes even nicer for the children!

NEWSPAPER

The Y6 publishing group will meet for the first time next week. Many thanks to the children and parents who have sent in articles for the Autumn edition of our school newspaper. This edition will be on sale in the last week of the term and we look forward to seeing the children's work and ideas in print.

CHRISTMAS!

The countdown to Christmas has begun! We are hoping a very kind parent (or local company) might be willing to supply us with a Christmas tree for the hall this year. We have been very appreciative of the generosity in previous years and so, if you feel you are able to help us out, please send me an email.

We will also be sending out the letters for the infant Christmas Play next week so parents can request tickets – please keep an eye out for those!

ATHLETICS FINAL

Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions this week, the Team Activ Cross Country Finals were postponed. The new date is the afternoon of 1st March. They are aware this is a long time ahead but as they work with a full calendar this was the soonest they could fit it in. We will re-contact parents nearer the date.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Next week we will also be sending out our annual questionnaire to gather parent views, ideas and opinions to help us move the school forward together. We are keen to build on our solid foundations and move towards outstanding provision in every area for the benefit of the children in school and to do this we need your help. Please consider your answers and add any information in the box at the bottom that would help us to understand what is important to you as a parent. We are asking that all parents name their questionnaires this year in the spirit of our honest partnership so that we can answer individual queries but also ask our own follow up questions to help us determine what is working well and what needs to improve. Un-named questionnaires will not be included in exercise analysis and report. 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:

- 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
- 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 are hoping for a mild winter but trust that parents will work with us if we are not so fortunate. Thank you

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

Last week the Y5 and Y6 brought home an application form for the position of Junior Road Safety Officer. This is a south Yorkshire initiative aimed at helping children to be safer on the roads as they grow up and gain independence. We are looking for four children to serve as officers for this year. The post will include:

- Delivering road safety assemblies
- Designing and maintaining their own road safety noticeboard
- Running competitions in school
- Passing on road safety and traffic awareness messages
- Working in partnership with the South Yorkshire road safety officer

If your child would like to apply for the position then completed forms need to be submitted to me by Friday 18th November/ Thank you

BARNSELY MUSIC SERVICE VIOLIN LESSONS

Following on from a great musical performance from teachers at BMS before October half term, two children are interested in taking up violin lessons. BMS will only put a teacher in place for these lessons with a minimum of four pupils. If your child is interested in playing the violin please contact the school office for more information. Thank you

CLASS 2- SKIPTON CASTLE TRIP

On Tuesday 15th November Class 2 will be going on a trip to Skipton Castle. Please remember to send your child to school with a packed lunch unless you have ordered a school lunch for them. Registration is at 8.20am with the coach leaving school at 8.30am. Please ensure your child is at school at 8.20 prompt. Thank you

NOV DATES

- 17th November am – First Family Learning Workshop of the Year in all classes
- 18th November pm – Y1 & Y2 children at TeamActiv Multiskills Tournament
- 25th November 9.10am – class 4 parents' assembly
- 28th November – Junior Road Safety Officer assembly with South Yorkshire partnership

Have a lovely weekend.

FRIENDS OF HOYLANDSWAINE SCHOOL

FOHS Dads & Friends Day Out Saturday 19th November

For ones wanting breakfast, we will be meeting at Generations Café, opposite the British Legion in Penistone at 10:30, for those wanting to go straight for the train, we will be catching the 11:18 from Penistone Station, arriving in Huddersfield for about 12:00. It is likely that we will be heading to Stalybridge first, then working our way back towards Huddersfield, visiting some hostelrys along the route and sampling some of the fine ales that will hopefully be served. If anyone would like to join us later in the day, the trains from Penistone to Huddersfield leave at 18 minutes past the hour, you can call Paul on 07867788223 or Phil on 07768834556 to meet us.