

## **HOLMFIRTH J I & N SCHOOL**

### **School Update 4 – April 2019**

We are approaching the end of another very busy term and we would like to update you on some of our school activities.

In addition to this update we have also prepared a diary for the coming half term (see attached). Sending letters home via e-mail and the Xpressions app for mobiles and tablets and continues to be successful. If you change your e-mail address please let the office know and we will amend your details. [office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:office.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk)

#### **Website**

Please check the school website <http://holmfirthjinschool.net/> for regular daily updates from Mr Rose. Other information is shown on the site including letters to parents.

#### **Parents Evening**

The final Parents Evening Meetings will be held on Wednesday 3 April from 2.30pm – 6pm. Thank you all for using the on-line booking system.

#### **Dinner Money**

The cost of school meals for the next half term (29 April – 23 May – excluding May 6) will be £41.80 (£10.60 per week). School dinners should be paid for in ADVANCE. Please ensure that any outstanding debts for this half term are paid to your ParentPay account by Thursday 11 April.

#### **After School Clubs**

A letter regarding the after school clubs for the next half term has already been sent home. Spare copies can be found in the blue folder outside the office or on the website.

It would be appreciated if you could sign up for the clubs as soon as you can after the letter has been sent out, as we have to allow time for final arrangements to be made with the coaches and for the administration to be done in school to set the club up before the club starts. Thank you.

#### **Late Arrivals**

We still have a number of children who are regularly arriving late for school. School starts at 8.55am and children should be ready to line up in the playground when the bell rings. Late arrivals create extra work for the office and teaching staff and they cause disruption to both your child's education and that of their whole class. Please, therefore, ensure that your child arrives on time each day.

#### **Advertising Spaces**

Do you own your own business? Would you like to promote your business to parents and local residents and help raise much needed funds for the School? If you would like to discuss purchasing advertising space within the school grounds please contact Alex Sykes in the school office or by email [finance.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:finance.holmfirthjin@kirkleeseducation.uk)

#### **Car Parking**

Please can we ask that you turn off your engines whilst waiting to pick up your child in either the car park or on the roadside. Fumes from cars are potentially dangerous to children and adults with breathing issues. Please can you ensure that you do not block any neighbouring houses driveways whilst picking up/dropping off your children.

#### **School Events**

##### **FONS**

We would like to thank the FONS team for providing the beautiful presents for the children's Mother's Day gifts.

The Father's Day gift sale will be held on Friday 14 June. Further details will follow.

Further details regarding the next school disco and the possible Summer Fair/Nabbfest will be given when FONS have made their final plans.

Mrs Worsley will be running the Easter Egg Number Challenge again on Friday 12 April. The Easter Egg Tombola will take place on Wednesday 10 April – donations of Easter Eggs would be gratefully received in the school office.

### **Forthcoming Sporting Events**

Neiley Races will take place on the following Wednesdays: 1 May, 8 May and 22 May. Letters have already been sent home and the children's names have to be registered with the race organisers by 12 April - no late entrants are allowed.

The Holme Valley Primary Schools' Swimming Gala will be taking place on Thursday 13 June. Trials for the team are currently taking place and those children who are selected for the team will receive a letter from Mrs Worsley near the date of the event.

Year 3 Mini Olympics will take place at Upperthong J&I School on Friday 10 May, the Year 1 Mini Olympics will take place on Friday 17 May, and Year 2 Mini Olympics will take place on Tuesday 11 June.

Nursery Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 19 June and the whole school Sports Day will take place on Friday 21 June – final details will be sent out nearer the time for these events.

All the above dates are provisional and subject to the weather conditions. Full details of each event will be sent out in due course.

### **Forthcoming Dates/Events**

Year 6 Sex Education Parents meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 June at 5.00pm – All parents are invited to attend this meeting.

### **KS2 Sats**

The Year 6 SATS are fast approaching, week commencing Monday 13 May, and we would ask for your support to ensure that your child gets plenty of sleep, eats breakfast and has a drink of water leading up to and during SATS week. A timetable will be sent out in due course.

### **Holidays**

Easter - School closes on Friday 12 April and re-opens on Monday 29 April.

Monday 6 May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed.

Summer Half Term – School Closes on Thursday 23 May and re-opens on Monday 3 June.

School then closes on Friday 19 July for the Summer holidays.

### **Head Lice**

We seem to have an outbreak of head lice again – please check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly

### **Thank You!**

As always a big thank you to all the parent helpers, volunteers and our FONS team, who continue to support the children and the school, your help is always appreciated.

We hope you have an enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 29 April.

Thank you once again for your support of the school.

Kind Regards

Mr Julian Rose  
Headteacher