

SCHOOL UPDATE 2

10 December 2019

We have nearly come to the end of another very busy term and we would like to update you on some of our school activities and confirm final arrangements for the remaining Christmas activities.

This is the second update for this school year. In addition to this update, we have also prepared a diary for the coming half term (see attached). Sending letters home via e-mail continues to be successful. If you change your e-mail address please let the office know and we will amend your details.

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Website

You can keep up to date with all the activities in school by checking the school website (<http://holmfirthjinschool.net/>) and our Twitter page (<https://twitter.com/HolmfirthJINSch>). Mr Rose posts daily updates as well as other information shown on the website including all letters to parents sent from school. We have also uploaded lots of information about our new Curriculum onto the website – please have a look – it has lots of information about what each class will be learning about each term – follow this link for more information <https://holmfirthjinschool.net/curriculum-2019-2020/>

Absences and late arrivals/collection from school

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school office on 01484 687565 by 9.15am giving a reason for their absence. The morning bell goes at 8.55am. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrives on time. Late arrivals cause disruption to classes and children miss important learning time.

Please ensure that your child is collected from school on time at the end of the day, at 3.30pm Children should only be collected earlier than 3.30pm if they have a medical appointment. After School Clubs finish at 4.30pm prompt. Please ensure you are waiting outside, at the front of the school.

PE Kit

As we mentioned in the last school update, it is essential that all children have a suitable PE kit in school every day. We want to continue teaching high quality PE and this is more difficult when children do not have the correct kit.

They will need shorts, t-shirt, trainers and, during inclement weather, additional tracksuit bottoms and top. A change of footwear (trainers) for outdoor PE is also required, as they often get muddy. If there are any problems with the above, please see your child's class teacher so they can support your child. We have ordered the orange PE T-Shirts for those of you who have purchased one on ParentPay.

After School Clubs

Details for all the clubs for the next half term was emailed home last week. Please log on to ParentPay and reserve your place at the clubs of your choice. Please sign up for the clubs by Wednesday 18 December so that final numbers are known before we finish for the holidays – if there aren't enough people signed up by this date there is a possibility that the club will not be able to go ahead. There will not be a Choir Club next term.

Please ensure that your children have suitable, warm clothing when attending the after school sports clubs taking place outdoors. Children can get changed or add extra layers at the end of school. All children should be collected from after school clubs – we do not allow pupils to walk home alone after school clubs, unless a parent gives us prior written instructions, during the winter months, as it is dark and unsafe.

Read. Bookshop in Holmfirth

Read. are collecting book donations for local schools from 1st-31st December. Perhaps when you are doing your Christmas shopping you might be able to add an extra book in for our school.

Read. are giving 20% off the price of any donated books. There will be bookplates available in the shop for you to write in but this is optional. We hope that you will give generously to support reading in our school.

Contact details

Do not forget to let the office know if you change your mobile number, email address or move house. We need your up to date details to enable us to contact you with day-to-day correspondence and to allow us to contact you in an emergency. Thank you.

Dinner Money

The cost of school meals for the next half term (Jan-Feb) will be £65.25 (£11.00) per week. School dinners should be paid for in **ADVANCE** through your ParentPay account. Please note that your account will not show the full amount owed for the coming half term as dinners are only charged on ParentPay on a daily basis, when the meal is ordered, if you pay the full amount for the half term the amount will decrease day by day. Please can you ensure that any outstanding amounts for this half term are paid by Wednesday 18 December?

Packed lunches

We have noticed that some packed lunches are containing biscuits, sweets and fizzy drinks – chocolate and sweets are not permitted. Please ensure that your child brings a healthy packed lunch each day. We encourage children to have a healthy morning snack, including fruit and vegetables. Thank you for co-operation. The tuck shop operates on Thursday mornings.

Fundraising

For the 'Poppy Appeal' we raised an incredible £100.93. The Family Breakfast and Film Night events raised over £500 – many thanks to Mrs Tobin, Mrs Greaves, Mrs Brown and the FONS team for making these events possible. The Christmas Fair was a huge success raising in excess of £1600 – thank you to all who attended! As always, we thank you for your charitable support to the school and for other charities.

Christmas Events

Here are the final arrangements for the remaining events over the Christmas period:

The Early Years/KS1 performances will be held on Wednesday 11 December at 10.00am – 11.00am and 2pm – 3.00pm.

Class parties will take place on Tuesday 17 December. The Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 18 December. Children who normally have sandwiches will be able to have a school meal on this day. We sent a letter home about this at the end of November. Do not forget your crackers and hats! The children who normally bring sandwiches can bring a festive lunch including sweets/chocolates on that day only. Please do not include fizzy drinks though! Thank you.

The KS2 Carol Service will take place on Wednesday 18 December at Holy Trinity Church Holmfirth at 6.00pm. The doors to the church will open at 5.45pm.

Head Lice

Please can you check your child's hair for head lice over the Christmas holidays – click here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> for further information on the NHS website.

Car Park

The Car Park light is currently broken but it should be fixed this week please take care in the dark until it is fixed. Can you ensure that your children take care in the Car Park – we have had instances of children getting out of cars and running up to the school entrance without looking to see if other cars are coming.

Gifts for staff

Although not wanting to presume, we recognise that every Christmas many of you very kindly buy gifts for teachers and other staff members. We appreciate the thoughts behind your gifts, but, following a staff discussion, we recognise that it is a very expensive time of year, and we do not want you to feel that you have to buy a gift - a card with kind words would mean just as much to us!

This half term school closes on Friday 20 December and re-opens on Monday 6 January 2019. Please note that there is a staff training day on Friday 14 February 2020 so the final day of school next term will be Thursday 13 February 2020.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the school. In addition, we would like to say a huge thank you to the FONS team for their hard work and commitment to our school so far this year. Finally, we hope you have a fantastic Christmas and we wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

J Rose
Headteacher