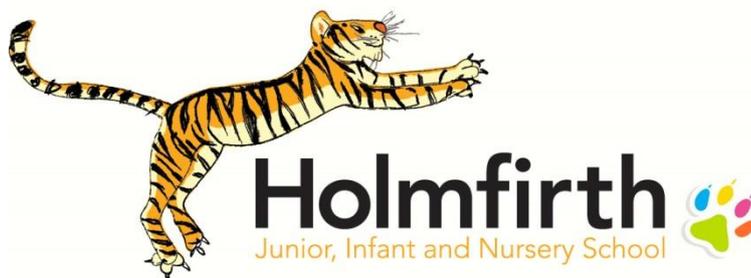


SCHOOL UPDATE **4 February 2020**



We are approaching the end of another very busy half 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 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

Website

Please check the school website <http://holmfirthjinschool.net/> or Twitter (<https://twitter.com/HolmfirthJINSch>) for regular daily updates from Mr Rose, other information is shown on the website including letters to parents. This includes instructions to follow during bad weather.

Dinner Money

The cost of school meals for the next half term (24 Feb – 3 April) will be £67.50 (£11.25 per week). School dinners should be paid for in **ADVANCE**. Please can you ensure that any outstanding debts for this half term are paid to your ParentPay account by Wednesday 12th February. Please remember that the balance shown on your ParentPay account is correct at that date, therefore, you would need to add on any remaining days up to the end of half term. Thank you.

Administration of Medicines in school

We have updated the Administration of Medicines Policy. Please note that medicines can only be administered in school if they are a prescribed medicine to be given 4 times a day. Medicines prescribed 3 times daily can be given at home and will not be accepted in school. A copy of the Policy can be found on the website by clicking [here](#).

After School Clubs

Details for all the clubs for the next half term have already been sent home. Limited spaces are still available so please sign up through your ParentPay account before 12 February. A copy of this letter can be found on the website if you would like to sign up. <https://holmfirthjinschool.net/information-for-parents/after-school-club-letters/>

Amazon Smile and Your School Lottery

Do you shop with Amazon? Would you consider supporting FONS by using **Amazon Smile** which has the following benefits:

- When you want to make an Amazon purchase log in to Amazon using the following link and any purchases you make will earn 0.5% commission for FONS - at NO COST to you – <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1040723-0>
- If the link asks you to search for your chosen charity enter either Holmfirth J,I & N School Parent Teacher Association or the number 1040723 it will then link your account to FONS
- Just use the link once and bookmark it to use each time you make an Amazon purchase and each time you make a purchase FONS will get 0.5% of your total spend. Thank you for supporting FONS and the school - we need your help!!

Your School Lottery - Please would you consider supporting FONS and the school by joining our school lottery? You could even be the lucky winner of £25,000! Visit <http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk> and search for Holmfirth J I & N School. Thanks! This scheme has already raised over £100 for FONS so many thanks to everyone who has already bought tickets.

Packed lunches

We have noticed that some packed lunches are containing biscuits, sweets and fizzy drinks. Chocolate and sweets are not permitted in school. Please ensure that your child brings a healthy packed lunch each day. If your child has a morning snack, please ensure that they bring a healthy morning snack, including fruit and vegetables. The tuck shop operates on Thursday mornings.

Jewellery

Please note that we only allow children to wear simple plain stud earrings in school. Earrings must be removed during swimming lessons and either removed or covered during PE. Necklaces should not be worn, at any time, as they can be dangerous when children are taking part in PE activities and during playtime. Thank you for your cooperation.

Future FONS Fundraising Events

FONS are planning lots of exciting events over the next few months – look out for their newsletter next week. Here is a list of confirmed upcoming events:-

Thursday 13 February - FONS disco – 6.00pm to 7.00pm for Early Years/KS1 children and 7.15pm to 8.15pm for KS2 children.

Tuesday 25 February - FONS Pancake Day event during afternoon break (2.30pm).

Thursday 19 March - Mother's Day Gifts (a payment item will be set up on ParentPay after the half term holiday).

Thursday 26 March – 8am -8.45am – Family Breakfast (a payment item will be set up on ParentPay after the half term holiday).

Thursday 2 April – Easter Egg Tombola sale – Playground 3.30pm (donations of Easter Eggs please).

Friday 3 April - Mrs Worsley will be running the annual Easter Number Challenge for the pupils.

Other Events

Monday 10 February – Year 2 Road Safety Training

Tuesday 3 March – EYFS Phonics Open Morning

Thursday 5 March – Years 3 & 4 – Egyptian Workshop

Monday 23 March – Braiswick Photographers – class photos

The Hall Trust Grants for 2020

The trustees of the Hall Trust would like to hear from young people who require financial assistance to attend short courses of an educational nature (art, drama, sport or outward bound, etc.) or need special equipment for their studies. To qualify you must be under 25 and live in the Austonley, Cartworth, Holme or Upperthong areas. Further information is available from: Bill Mackie williammackie@btinternet.com or Tel: 686555. Replies by 1 March 2020.

PE Kit

As we mentioned in the last school update can we remind parents that 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.

Parent Consultations

Meetings will be held on Wednesday 18 March and Wednesday 25 April from 2.30pm – 6pm. Bookings will be available via the on-line booking system where you will be able to book your own appointments. Further details will be sent to you when we return to school after the half term holiday.

Parking

Please can you be respectful when using the car park or parking on the road. Please take care not to block any neighbours drive entrances. Thank you.

This half term school closes on Thursday 13 February (Friday 14 February is a Training Day and school is closed). School reopens on Monday 24 February 2020.

We hope you have an enjoyable half term holiday and we would like to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Kind Regards

J Rose (Mr)
Headteacher