

Heworth Primary School -February 2016 Newsletter 7



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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
Proverbs 3v5*

Number Fun

We had a fantastic day on Monday singing and learning songs about maths. Dave Godfrey, who heads up Number Fun, said that he was amazed at the enthusiasm and how quickly our children picked up the songs.



Acts of Collective Worship

We have been enjoying finding out more about Jesus in our series of assemblies entitled, 'Christmas – what happened next?' On most weeks, we have been plotting some of the key events from Jesus life on a time line and have just begun learning about some of his key teachings. Rev Michael Woodmansey has visited the school twice to talk to the children about Jesus' Baptism and his disciples.

Headteacher: Mr Michael Carr



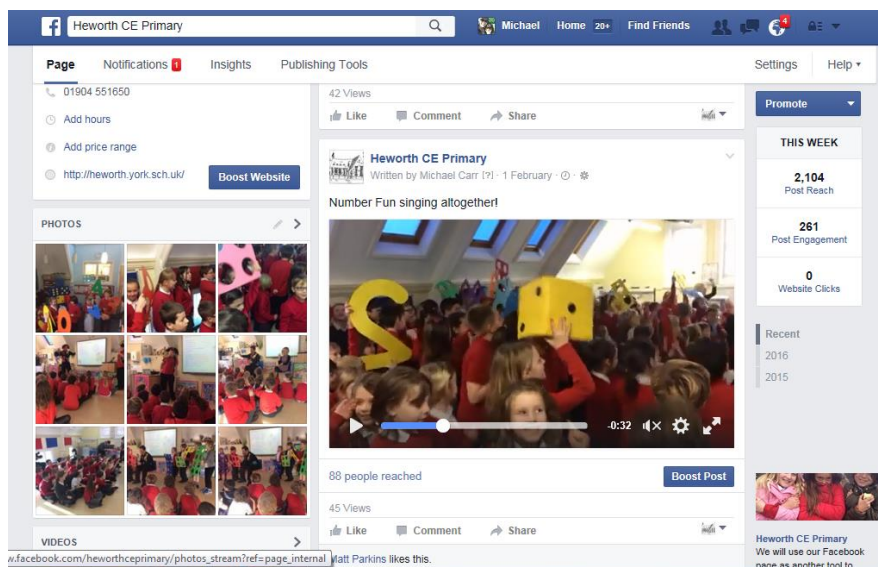
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Facebook and the Miss Corner effect!

I have been delighted with the number of people already following our Heworth CE Primary Facebook page. In a school of 141 children, to already have 84 people (at the time of writing this newsletter) following our news after only 4 weeks is fantastic. It has been great to hear from a number of parents how much they are enjoying finding out what is happening in school in such an instant way.

All teachers are now set up so that they can post images and news. We are not sure why but whenever Miss Corner posts a message they seem to get more than double the views of other teachers. We're calling this the Miss Corner effect!

For those not currently following, you will need to have your own Facebook account which is easy to set-up. After that, search for 'Heworth CE Primary'.



Reminder of our key principles:

- 1) Children's names **are never in any circumstance** to appear on any social media.
- 2) When posting we will try to ensure a range of posts. Eg Not all maths or sport etc.
- 3) Images of groups of children will make up the majority of posts. Individual images will only be posted in special circumstances.

The Facebook account has been set up so that:

- Nobody can 'tag' names on any images.
- Only 'Friends' can see messages.
- Videos and images cannot be added by 'Friends' in response to posts.

For people not on Facebook we will continue to bring you news about what is happening in school through newsletters and the school website. I would also remind parents & carers that you are always welcome into school to visit your child's classroom and to see their work on walls and in books.



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Homework

Thank you for your helpful comments about homework. We have calculated the responses below which governors will use when working on and finalising the new policy. The main observation of how we could improve homework quickly was for all classes to make clear exactly which day homework was going out and coming in again, especially for maths. This information will be sent out from Class Teachers ASAP.

	2011 Policy	Current Practice	Proposed 2016
Happy? Yes	31	30	30
Happy? No	1	7	5
Too much	0	3	3
Just right	22	24	22
Too little	3	3	3

43 forms were returned. (Please note: numbers below do not add-up as not all sections were completed on all of the forms)

Forest Schools

We are delighted to have been able to organise a trial use of Lord Deramore's (Heslington) forest school area. For five weeks our Reception children and Y1 children (on alternate weeks) will get to spend a morning learning in a forest environment. This is great news for our children! We hope that this five week period will be extended for more regular use as early as the summer term. A big thank you to Sheena Powley, Headteacher of Lord Deramore's, who is letting us use their forest for free and to the 'Friends of Heworth' who are paying half the cost of the coach.

Global Week (and that toilet song!)

The week after half term (22nd February) we will be having a whole school Global Week. Staff have been working with Mrs Seavers to plan a week around the theme of 'water'.

For part of the week children will be learning about:

- The effects of water shortage in parts of the world.
- The importance of toilets.
- Water in the bible.
- Conducting water experiments with some civil engineers.



World Toilet Day song for WaterAid - YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otsbGfSW_cc

On the Thursday YoYo will be coming to spend the whole day with us to do an RE day on the theme of Water. We will use our Facebook page to get pictures out quickly to keep you informed about what is happening during the week and also put some updates on the website.

Finally, the children have been enjoying learning a song with the wonderful Mrs Newton about a toilet! It is a highly amusing song from WaterAid with a very serious message that we will explore during the week.

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Dates for the diary

February

9th – Class 2 to visit Tropical World *(cancelled due to a lack of butterflies!)*

11th – Class 5 to visit York Minster

12th – Break up for half term

22nd – Global Week (more information to follow)

March

2nd & 9th – Pedestrian training Y3

9th & 23rd – 'Open the Book' assembly for KS1

10th – Water Safety presentation by RNLI

14th – YoYo Assembly

18th – Class 3 bake sale

21st – Last swimming for Y3

22nd – Where's Wally day in Class 1 *(change of date due to Forest Schools being on a Wednesday)*

24th – Easter Celebration at Holy Trinity

Thursday 24th – Break up for Easter

25th – Good Friday (Bank Holiday – no school)