

Heworth Primary School - June 2016 Newsletter 13



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Welcome

This week I had the privilege of spending a day with Rev Michael Woodmansey, Ann Mansfield (school governor) and the amazing Mrs Durham (our RE leader) at York Racecourse for an RE conference.

It was a fantastic day and one which certainly educated myself on the how the Church are championing the rights of children at the highest level. Bishop Steven Conway (Chair of the CofE National Board of Education) highlighted how he has, in the House of Lords, been campaigning to influence government policy on ensuring that education meets the needs of the whole children and not just two specific curriculum areas.

"Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that will never be again. And what do we teach our children? We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you. Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move. You may become a Shakespeare, a Michaelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel? You must work, we must all work, to make the world worthy of its children."

— Pablo Casals

Out of School Club & Mrs Drury MSA

After 13 years of service and helping with thousands of school meal times, Mrs Drury has decided to stop as one of our Midday Supervisors. The children will certainly miss her - as will we! We presented her with some small tokens of our appreciation on her final day. Thank you Mrs Drury!

However, there is no escape and it has been great to see Mrs Drury (Our new Breakfast and After School Manager) moving the Breakfast and After School club forward so quickly after starting her new role. I know that she has lots of new ideas from feedback from parents & carers and from visiting other clubs around the city.



Headteacher: Mr Michael Carr



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New Outdoor Area

We are delighted to inform you that over the summer holidays (subject to any unforeseen circumstances) we will be having an outdoor classroom area built in part of the school playground. Due to the size of our playground and to ensure that the rest of our children have enough space for playtime, this will comprise of fences that fold and unfold. The advantage of this system means that the area can be set up for specific times and put away during others. We are delighted to be able to provide our children with much greater opportunities for learning outside, giving them experiences that are not always easy or possible indoors.



Staffing News

It has been lovely to welcome back Mrs Thompson to Heworth after her maternity leave. Up until the summer holidays, Mrs Thompson will be teaching classes throughout the school.

Mrs Polly Hayes has also stepped-up in her role as an MSA to MSA team leader.

From September the class teacher arrangements will be as follows:

Class 1 – Miss Corner

Class 2 – Mrs Acaster (Tue, Wed & Thurs), Mrs Thompson (Mon & Fri)

Class 3 – Mr Sloan

Class 4 – Mrs Durham

Class 5 – Mrs Atkinson (Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri), Mrs Ashcroft (Mon)

Mrs Newton will continue to teach music on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Uttley (our new PE leader) will teach PE on Thursday and Friday instead of Total Sports.



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PE Kit 2016/17

A message from Mrs Uttley (our new PE leader from September).

From September, we would like all of our children to have the following PE kit.

- a white t-shirt
- navy shorts or PE skirt
- dark plimsolls or trainers
- a navy tracksuit



It is really important that children have the required kit for inside and outside PE. In addition to recent years, we are also asking parents & carers to provide a 'navy' tracksuit in order to improve the smartness of our children. When attending sports events with other schools we can look a bit of a 'rag-tag' bunch in comparison with most other schools that do have a more precise PE kit. It will also improve our appearance in our locality as we walk to the stray, tennis club and Church Hall.

It is really important that your child always has the correct PE kit with them in school to ensure that they are able to take part in the session.

Most supermarkets & Next, stock reasonably priced PE kit.

Friends

A big thank you to our amazing Friends group for all the fundraising that they have organised this year. They are currently working hard on this year's Summer Fair (10am until 1pm, Saturday 25th June). If you would like to get involved next year please talk to Kelly Sadler who will be taking over as Chair of Friends from September. Alternatively, enquire at the office to be put in contact with them.

New Library

As a result of Friend's amazing fundraising, we have been able to move (a lot quicker than we thought we would) and arrange to have our library fitted with brand new furniture on Wednesday 22nd June. I am delighted with this news! After the furniture has been set-up our next challenge will be to fill the shelves with books! From September, we hope that we will be ready for children to have weekly visits to the library.



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Dates for the diary

Friday 17 th June	Class 3,4 & 5 Sports Day (am)
Friday 17 th June	Class 1&2 Sports Day (pm)
Friday 17 th June	Class 1 Bake Sale (after school)
Saturday 25 th June	Friend's Summer Fair
Wednesday 22 nd June	Y6 Skipathon
Monday 27th June	This is the last week of clubs!
Tuesday 28 th June	New Starters visit Class 1 (pm)
Thursday 30 th June	Class 1 trip to Filey
Thursday 7 th July	New Starters visit Class 1 (am)
Thursday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Play (1:30pm & 6:30pm)
Friday 8 th July	Friend's Disco
Monday 11 th July	New Starters visit Class 1 (pm)
Friday 15 th July	Friend's Picnic
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term Leavers' Service (9:30am)
	SUMMER HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th September	Training Day