



HELME HEADLINES 06.10.2017

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

The Governing Body are pleased to announce that after two days of vigorous tasks, designed to test a range of skills, the post of substantive Head Teacher at Helme School has been offered to one of the shortlisted candidates. Once all the contractual formalities are completed (probably by next week), the Chair of Governors will write to introduce the successful candidate to all parents/carers and staff of the school.

Don't forget that it is Harvest Festival on Monday 9th October at 9:10am. You are welcome to join us in church to celebrate this important event in the Christian calendar. We welcome gifts of non-perishable food which will be donated to the Welcome Centre in Huddersfield.

We are trying a different system for booking parents' evening appointments this term. You can ring or email (catherine.ohara@helseschool.com) to make a parents evening appointment with your child's class teacher between the hours of 9:30am and 12:00 and 1:30 to 3pm, Wed 11th, Thurs 12th and Fri 13th October. We prefer a phone call (be patient the lines might be quite busy!) as you get immediate feedback with your appointment being made then and there. If you email, please give a range of times you can come and we can't guarantee an exact time. We will then email you back with an appointment time. Appointment reminders will be sent out the week before parents' evening. Just to remind you the early parents' evening is Mon 6th Nov and the late one is Wed 8th Nov.

Thank you for coming along to the Reading Meetings this week. If you were not able to attend we have some paper copies of the presentation in the office and it is also on the website for you to access.

The lunchtime changes have gone well. We are finding the extra 15 mins in a morning is having a positive impact on learning and School Council reported that the children are happy with the change. We will continue with this lunch timing from now on.

We are trying out a 'Stay and Play' session for parents of children in Class 1 on Wed 18th Oct. You are welcome to come into the classroom at 9am, once the children have been registered, and stay and play! There will be a choice of activities in the classroom and outdoors that you can join in with your child. We will be asking you to leave at about 9:30 so that the children can stay and work! Whilst we are talking about Class 1, they have had a new interactive whiteboard installed this week as the old one no longer worked.

This week we have continued our staff training on improving reading comprehension. We have also had support from an Early Years consultant to help improve our provision in Class 1 and to develop the outdoor provision on the veranda. The veranda is having a spruce up this weekend too!

Have a lovely weekend, I know staff and children are ready for a break after a very busy week.

AWARDS

Helme Values



Class 1: Kandinsky: Respect - Freddie Slocombe for speaking politely to adults.

Class 2: Hockney: Respect- Ruby Alsop for a brilliant attitude to learning.

Class 3: Monet: Determination - Megan Boulton- Ratcliffe for continually being prepared to work hard and persevering with challenges and for doing it with a lovely positive attitude.

Class 4: Miro: Excellence - Freya Smith for continuing her learning at home and producing a riddle poem.

Class 5 O'Keefe: Respect - Evie Chomiak for consistently having a respectful attitude to everyone in school.



Headteacher's Award

Class 1: Lydia Whitcroft for working hard on her Phonics skills

Class 2: Liam Price for having a perfect day.

Class 3: Neve Rider for being an excellent role model.

Class 4: Elijah Bridgstock for a fantastic 'light bulb' moment during a maths reasoning problem.

Class 5: Robyn Brian for writing a fabulous story at home inspired by this week's spellings.

After School Clubs

Monday - Football, Board Games and Chess

Tuesday - Karate and Forest School

Wednesday - Hockey

Thursday - Archery and Trigolf, Choir

Friday - BodyRockerz. Rhythm and Drum

Please note Karate club is now payable termly due to a streamlining of payment systems

We expect your child to attend all sessions where possible as, although some clubs are not charged, the school still pays for professionals to run them. If your child is not able to attend a session, please inform the school office. Club registers are taken and we need to know if your child is not attending.

SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Service Monday 9th October

At our Harvest service on October 9th we shall be collecting for the Meltham Food Bank and the Huddersfield Welcome Centre. Donations of dried and tinned food, biscuits, cereals, long life milk, jam and toiletries would be appreciated.

Tempest Photos

Tempest photography will be in school on Tuesday 7th November to take photos of pupils. Sibling photographs can be taken and families need to be in school by 8.30am.

Open Afternoon - Tuesday 17th October 2-3pm

We are holding an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 17th October for current and prospective parents looking for a primary school. Please let any friends or family know who have children looking for a school place. Thank you.

Applications for Secondary and Primary School for September 2018

A reminder that applications are made on line and the cut off dates are -

Secondary School 31 October 2017

Primary School 15 January 2018

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair will be in at the end of school next Thursday and Friday and the following Monday and Tuesday. To avoid large queues and congestion. Thursday will be for KS1 children and Friday will be for KS2 children. Please note all books can be ordered. We would also appreciate small notes and change for purchases, as we do not hold cash for change in school. Cheques will be accepted.

HELME SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

Boys Football League Thursday 5th October @ Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School.

Well done to our team - please see Mrs Hutson's report at the end of the newsletter

FOHS NEWS

Lucy Cobb Fashion Show

A big thank you to Lucy Cobb for hosting the fashion show last week and to all who attended, we raised enough money for school to buy over £500 of new books which have already been ordered.

Christmas Cards

Christmas card templates were sent home last week in book bags - templates must be handed in on Monday 9th October - late order cannot be accepted after this date.

Autumn Disco - Save the date!

This will be held on the 19th October, more information will be coming home in book bags. Anyone who is willing to volunteer please get in touch.

FOHS AGM

Our AGM will be held at Crosland Heath Golf Club on Tuesday 17th October at 7pm. Please come along if you would like to be involved with fundraising to help the children and school.

FOHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's winner: Rebecca Breakey

We now have 60 members - Thank you!

You've got to be in it to win it! It only costs £1 per week. Thank you to all those who have already signed up. To join in the fun, go to www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Helme.

Important Dates

- Monday 9th October - Harvest Service in Christchurch, Helme 9.10 am. All Welcome!
- Thursday 12th October 3.15pm - Scholastic Book Fair KS1 Children
- Friday 13th October 3.15pm - Scholastic Book fair KS2 Children

Best wishes

Alex Beaumont

Headteacher

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Strong start to the season continues...

The team for this fixture was: Owen Smith (c), Zach Bissolati, Daniel Broadley, Bailey Mallinson, Elijah Bridgstock, Baden Bissolati, Charlie Castle and Connor Robson.



Our boys produced a courageous and battling team effort tonight against some strong opposition. We may be a small school but we have a mighty spirit! It is always difficult to single out individual performances, however, Daniels throw ins were outstanding (most of the supporters said they couldn't throw that far). Charlie made several crucial saves, Owen commanded the defence, Bailey and Baden battled in midfield. Elijah produced some strong runs down the left, feeding Zach who was rewarded for all his lone running by volleying our only goal in the final game. Congratulations to Connor who made his debut in defence and we couldn't have asked for more from him!

Results:

Reinwood 0 v Helme 0

Our Lady of Lourdes 3 v Helme 0

Christchurch 0 v Helme 1 (Zach)

Thanks to Mr Smith for all your help with the coaching and as always to our supporters; we couldn't do it without you!

Mrs Hutson