



# HELME HEADLINES 10.11.2017



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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

An interesting week- I've managed to dance like an octopus in Class 4 accompanied by their ukulele version of 'Octopus's Garden', watched some fantastic folk dance from Class 5 and taken part in my first telephone conference with 12 other people discussing academies with the Department for Education! The serious stuff first, things are moving quickly with the academisation of Helme School. The Governors have been working tremendously hard behind the scenes and a big thanks to Mrs Roberts, our school business manager, for all the financial work she is doing preparing for the academy process. A letter will be out to you today with further details.

You may know that Mr Codling won't be around for the next two weeks as he goes for a planned operation and will need some recovery time. Karate club will continue with Mr Trevor Middleton, fully qualified and checked coach working with the group. Good luck to Mr Codling and see you soon!

Thanks for coming along to Parents' Evening. I hope you found it useful and weren't waiting around too long. If you have any ideas for improving the format, please let me know. One suggestion was 20 minute appointments. Unfortunately, teachers were here two nights this week after a full day teaching. Four nights of meetings, which 20 minute appointments would need, would have an impact on their teaching during the day. If you couldn't make your appointment, please contact the office to make a new appointment. I will be following up non-attendance at the end of next week. Thanks for completing the 'two stars and a wish' sheets. These are overwhelmingly positive about the school. I will be analysing them next week and will feedback to you.

I am often asked to recommend a tutor for pupils that are struggling with aspects of their learning. Tutors can sometimes help children's confidence with the one to one attention. I can't really recommend any tutors as I don't quality assess any of them. If you are considering employing a tutor, I think you need to look for a tutor that is a teacher; they will understand how children learn and will know what the curriculum expects of the children. The Curriculum changed in 2014 and big changes were made in both English and Maths. To prepare children for National Tests at aged 11 a tutor must have clear knowledge of them. Having said that, below is an offer of tutoring. I can't recommend him but I do know Mr Kendall and he is a nice chap!

*'Phil Kendall is an experienced retired teacher who now offers a wide, range of tutoring support across the KS2 age range. He puts a strong emphasis on developing learning skills and uses a lively, game-based interactive approach. If you are interested in talking further, drop him a line at [phil.kendall1@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.kendall1@btinternet.com) or ring on 0753 5655 641.'*

School is alive with our Christmas songs as well as songs about Octopus's Gardens. Preparations are well under way for the separate Christmas performances. Save the date and full details soon. Mr Codling and I and also the Kirklees Maths Consultant recently looked at maths books from all classes and were pleased to see an increase in challenge in maths. The new Maths curriculum has significant emphasis on problem solving and reasoning, all this was evident in the books. I think it is essential

that we have an information evening next term for parents to explain about the new curriculum and the White Rose Maths that we are following. Watch this space!

Don't forget, Children in Need next Friday 17th Nov. Non-uniform with spotty accessories and a £1 donation. Check around your house for 'round pounds'; we're collecting them by making a line in the playground from 8:50am. Come along and add to the line. Finally, there will be a book stall after school on Fri 17th with some books that are surplus to requirement. Old books, books that we have multiple copies of etc. All books priced at 20p.

Finally, a couple of safeguarding reminders. The playground is not supervised by staff before 8:50am. Parents must supervise their children until this time, they can't be dropped off on their own before 8:50am. To make this clearer, from next week a bell will be rung at 8:50am, this will be a signal for the classroom doors to open and for the children to go into their classrooms. Just to remind you that if your child has a head bump in school they get a sticker and a note in their bag to tell you. If the bump is significant, they have facial grazing or are stung by a wasp, we will automatically give you a ring to tell you.

Finally, finally. A parent was involved in a car accident after school on Wednesday as she pulled out of the drive at school. If you were a witness to this, please contact the school office.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday!

## AWARDS

### Helme Values

**Class 1: Kandinsky:** Respect - Catherine Dillingham for always being polite at lunchtime

**Class 2: Hockney:** Excellence - Alice Bridgstock for a brilliant attitude to learning.

**Class 3: Monet:** Excellence - Harry-Parker Milnes for some excellent writing of descriptive poetry.

**Class 4: Miro:** Determination - Isabella Pickup for showing great spirit in her learning on a multitude of occasions this week.

**Class 5 O'Keefe:** Excellence- Aimee Elgie for having great energy and almost perfect Do-si-dos during P.E.

### Headteacher's Award

**Class 1:** Ewan Sladdin for a good attitude to work both independently in the Continuous Provision and with an adult.

**Class 2:** Samuel Pickup for a fantastic attitude to learning and being a good helper.

**Class 3** Rylie Mathieson for always doing his best and having a positive attitude.

**Class 4:** Lucas Palmer for making a good effort to settle in his new class.

**Class 5:** Tom Barker, Ellie Lodge, Guy Breakey and Kiera Herbert for outstanding focus and team work during a chaotic drama lesson.

## After School Clubs

**Monday** - Football, Board Games and Chess

**Tuesday** - Karate

**Wednesday** - Hockey

**Thursday** - Archery and Trigolf, Choir, Forest School

**Friday** - BodyRockerz. Rhythm and Drum

Please note that clubs finish at 4.15pm with the exception of Karate which finishes at 4.30pm. Will parents please ensure that they arrive on time to pick up their children from after school clubs.

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

### Tempest Photos Orders

Order from with sample photos have been sent home with children, please ensure they are returned by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### Class 1 Resources - Help!

If you have any of the following spare around the house or having a clear out... telephone directory (yellow pages), wall calendars, old birthday banners or happy birthday balloons, books about cars or vehicles, pushchairs for dolls, Argos or Ikea catalogues, cbeebies or children's magazines for the, recipe or baking books., that we could use in the Home corner, we would be very grateful. Thank you

### Applications for Primary School places for September 2018

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

- Primary School 15 January 2018

### Helme school Lunchtime Supervisor Position

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor. If you would like further information, please call at the school office.

## Sport at Helme

A great week for the boy's football team, please see the report at the end of the newsletter.

## FOHS NEWS

### INK2CASH

We are looking for a volunteer to help with this fundraising activity. This would involve collecting donated ink cartridges from the school office each week, packaging and sending them off. Please get in touch with one of the FoHS team, school office or email us at [fohs12@gmail.com](mailto:fohs12@gmail.com) if you can help.

### FOHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's winner: James Collins

We have 58 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](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk) and search for Helme.

### FOHS Christmas Card Orders

## Community

### Important Dates

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November Family Service in Church 9.10 am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Class 2 sharing Assembly 2.30pm

Best wishes

Alex Beaumont

Headteacher



Boys' Football Yr 6 Floodlit Cup Competition Report  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 @ Colne Valley High School.

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



Our boys' football team did us proud on Thursday evening in the Yr6 boys Floodlit Cup. We played three very competitive matches against schools much bigger than ours and more than held our own.

### Results

Meltham Moor 1 v Helme 4 (Tom 3, Elijah 1)

Christchurch Academy 6 v Helme 4 (Zach 2, Tom 2)

Meltham C of E 0 v Helme 1 (Zach)

All in all, I think 2 wins and 1 loss was a fair result Well done boys you **all** contributed to a fantastic team performance. You played with enthusiasm, skill, determination and a huge amount of courage at times.

Only the top team from tonight qualifies for the finals; we won't go through to the next round, as we lost out on goal difference!

Keep up the good work as we have some more competitions to look forward to early in 2018.

Thank you to Mr Barker and our supporters, we couldn't do it without you!

Mrs Hutson

