



HELME HEADLINES 14 JULY 2017

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

We've nearly made it! There are a lot of tired children (and staff) around the school. I hope you all manage to get a restful weekend for the final push to the end of term. A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers that supported Class 1 and Class 2's visit to the seaside. It is a big undertaking and it went very well. A special thank-you to Mrs Clifford for being the chief organiser.

Reports go out today. I hope you find the format useful, telling you exactly where your child is in their learning. There is a feedback sheet with the report. Please let me know what you think of the report format and how your child has progressed this year. There are some tests results in all reports (apart from Reception); these are results of nationally standardised tests so are helpful for comparisons.

Further good news on the National Test results from Helme. At Foundation Stage our Good Level of Development has shot up from 58% to 83%, well above national results. Although our KS1 results remain below National in most areas they have shown good increases, Reading up from 68% to 71%, Writing up from 36% to 59%, and Maths up from 56% to 65%. This follows the 'outstanding' Year 6 SATs results I shared last week. The only real 'blip' is the Y1 phonic check which is only 55% compared to 81% nationally. More work needed here next year. Well done to all the staff for these achievements in what has been a very difficult year for the school.

We had a fantastic French Day on Wednesday, with all the school in mixed age groups. Thanks very much to Mme Brian for organising, how much we are going to miss her? We have Mme Brian, Mrs Dunkerley, Miss Killick (ETA Class 5) and Mrs Williams (School Office) leaving us next week and we will get the children to say their goodbyes. Looking ahead, it was lovely to see both Mrs Siswick and Miss Beaumont in school this week, busy preparing for next year, Mrs Swain, PPA teacher next year will be in school next week. I think we have an exciting year ahead as both were bubbling with enthusiasm!

I'm very much looking forward to seeing the showcase of Helme's musical talents this afternoon in Music Assembly. Next week Mme Brian (what will we do without her?!) has organised an intra-school rounders competition on Wednesday, parents are not invited as it is an informal event. We also say goodbye formally to our Year 6 pupils on Thursday Afternoon 2pm in Church.

AWARDS

No awards this week due to our Music Assembly.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All Clubs have now finished

SCHOOL NEWS

Breakfast Club Places.

Breakfast Club places should now have been confirmed for next September. If you have not returned your form, please complete the form and return to school by Monday 17th July at the latest.

Parentpay Balances

As we are rapidly approaching the final week of school, can we remind parents to please check their Parentpay accounts and settle any outstanding balances.

Year 6 Parents

Year 6 parents, please ensure that all accounts are up-to-date and accounts left at nil.

FOHS NEWS

FOHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's winner: - Lesley Neve

We now have 62 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. The instructions are easy to follow and the site is fully secure. Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Concert at Christ Church Helme - Huddersfield Bach Collegium

Huddersfield Bach Collegium are holding a free concert on July 16th at Christ Church Helme. Come along and listen to some amazing music by talented performers.

Summer Reading Challenge 2017

This upcoming summer's six-week holidays, libraries across the country will receive The Reading Agency's 2017 [Summer Reading Challenge](#), presented by Kirklees libraries.

What does the challenge offer?

The challenge offers a new and fun way for children aged 4-11 to get involved in more reading and discover new books or series' throughout the 15 July to the 16 September 2017.

For a chance for children to get involved in solving the *Animal Agents* mystery, and discover the six fun new books along the way, find out more information on the Summer Reading Challenge website.

What do Kirklees Libraries have to offer?

But that isn't the only thing the summer months have to offer; all throughout August Kirklees Libraries offer a whole host of engaging and diverse workshops and activities for children (or maybe even some adults!).

From meeting hearing dogs to trying your hand at stop-motion animation, there really are plenty of opportunities for fun activities in Kirklees. For further information visit the website on

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/summer-reading-challenge/index.aspx>

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 20th July - Leavers Assembly 2pm in church.
- Friday 21st July - Last day in school for pupils.

Best wishes
Alex Beaumont
Headteacher