

Linthwaite Clough JI & EY School



Newsletter October 2019

Dates for your diary

Mon 4 Nov	Staff and pupils return to school
Thu 7 Nov	Y5/6 Basketball at CVHS, 4.15 pm
Wed 13 Nov	Roast Dinner Day!
Wed 13 Nov	Peace Festival at Golcar Church
22-24 Nov	Y6 residential visit to Robin Wood
Tues 26 Nov	Try it Tuesday Colne Valley High School for Year 5s
Fri 20 Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 6 Jan	Staff and pupils return to school

School meals

Our new winter menu is being introduced this half term and copies are available from school.

We would like to remind parents that we need two weeks notice to change from school meals to packed lunches, and vice versa - thank you.

Names in uniform and clothing

Please can you make sure all items of clothing, including coats and PE kit, are clearly named so that they can be returned to the correct person if found.

Federation news

Half term already! It has been great to see all the children back in school, and we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new reception and nursery children and their families.

As Headteacher across our Federation, it is exciting to work alongside my Senior Leadership team - Miss Shackleton, Assistant Headteacher based at Scapegoat Hill, Mrs Alison Barker, Assistant Headteacher based at Linthwaite Clough and Miss Wood, our Inclusion Manager for the Federation. We work closely with all staff, meeting weekly across the Federation to share best practice and celebrate the children's achievements.

Our first achievement was the writing of a new vision statement. We believe this vision is ambitious but achievable with the support of the whole Federation community.

Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation is a community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child.

Our doors are open! As a Federation, and in each school, we are constantly looking to improve communication between ourselves, parents and the local community; we would welcome any ideas or feedback to support this.

Annual Governor Parent Meeting

We recently held our Annual Governor meeting for parents. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful meeting. Lots of questions and answers and potentially a new Parent Teacher Association! Please ring school if this is something you would be interested in getting involved with.

Parent Governor. We have a vacancy on our Federation Governing Body for a Parent Governor. We will be sending out information in November. If you are interested and would like to talk to someone in school please do not hesitate to ring.

Reading

Reading remains an important focus at school. We want all children to have the opportunity to develop a love of books and reading.

This term, children from the School councils, All Children Count (ACC) at Linthwaite and All Children's Voices (ACV) at Scape, visited the Children's Bookshop in Lindley. It was an excellent opportunity for them to talk all things literature with the staff there. They showed an excellent knowledge and understanding of a wide range of books and authors, and chose a plethora of books – both fiction and non-fiction - for children from EY right through to year 6.

"I enjoyed looking for books for everyone not just our class. I think we got a good range of books and I am already reading The Butterfly Circus which is really good!"

Thank you Mrs Newton for the money you gave us for these!



Our teachers have also nominated two year 6 Reading Champions from each class who go and read to different classes once a week. We think this is an excellent opportunity to develop their reading skills and discuss books with an audience.

"It makes me feel happy that they all listen to me. It helps me read out loud because I have to put a lot of expression in. I try and make it exciting otherwise they start talking!"

How to help! Can you read with your children and / or discuss what they are reading with them as regularly as possible. Try to encourage them to read a range of texts: newspapers, magazines, leaflets, recipe books. Anything!

Sports

In sport, we have had a great start to the term! All lunchtime clubs are running well and the children have performed brilliantly in the two competitions we have entered so far. Well done to both the Year 5 & 6 girls' football team and the Year 6 boys' football team, who represented the school superbly at Colne Valley High School. We look forward to competing in further competitions as the year progresses across all age groups.

"Playing against other teams gives us an opportunity to compete. It's good going to high school and playing!" – George (Year 6)

"I really enjoyed it because we got to play at high school. I scored four goals and the team did really well!" – Evie (Year 5)

As well as the above, some children have also had the opportunity to develop their cycling skills. Twelve students in year 5 have taken part in the 'Learn To Ride' scheme, which aims to encourage children to cycle more. Next half-term, Early Years will be taking part in the 'Balanceability' scheme, which aims to build core skills for younger children and develop their enjoyment of cycling.



Incredible Generosity

So far we have filled three posters, each poster needs 300 stickers! We have been overwhelmed by the number of stickers everyone has brought in.

We are looking forward to receiving our Sports Kits, and who knows we may even be lucky in the prize draw!

Thank you all.



Early Years Police Visit

The children in Early Years had a surprise visitor this week. PC Hemingway, along with his van and all his equipment, spent the morning with us. We enjoyed exploring the life of a police officer.

This was a wonderful opportunity to talk about people in the community who help us.

Early Years would like to say a big thank you to PC Hemingway for taking the time to tell us about his very important job.

Cloakrooms - We are looking at ways to improve the ongoing situation with our cloakrooms. Some PE kits are now kept in storage boxes in the classrooms, which has begun to ease the congestion. Please bear with us.

Social media is a great form of communication however we do ask that if you take photographs, at assemblies for example, please do not post anything onto any social media sites. We would also appreciate it if you contact school directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Term time holidays - permission does need to be requested for term time holidays, but this should only occur in exceptional circumstances and should be avoided if at all possible.

Parking directly outside school is dangerous you will have noticed a police presence, on occasions, both before and after school. They have warned some drivers and will issue tickets, should the problem on the road continue. We would therefore ask you to observe the parking restrictions and help to make it safer for the children. Parking in the school staff car park is also becoming a safety issue and local residents would appreciate your consideration when parking near to school, including the new housing estate off Waingate.

ParentPay - Please check your child's school dinner money account and ensure you pay off any outstanding amounts- even stay in credit if possible. Thank you.

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