



# Haworth Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Hello,

And there it was ...gone! Spring term has vanished in a flash. Lighter nights and some better weather has really made a difference. What a lovely half term, we have had delivery of our Usborne books for The Nest, Library and EYFS and I know the children are looking forward to reading them. Thank you so much to all our families for supporting us with this as the children raised £1285.50 which gave us £2060 to spend. Also, we planted some Rowan, Crab Apple and Willow trees and are waiting to see them grow. Our 'Super-Dads' aka Pete Smith and Gary Chapman came into school and delivered a fabulous assembly and received engraved tankards as appreciation of their latest endeavour to help raise funds for school. We have already spent it by using it towards our whole school pantomime trip at Christmas, so a massive thanks to them- a lovely treat to look forward to.

Another reminder that the children need to be in school everyday and on time - they don't get these valuable minutes, hours and days back. Please support them by ensuring that they are on time each day, (it is so hard for the small minority of children that are late into class each day) and that routine appointments are scheduled for holidays and after school and term time holidays are avoided. These absences compound the disruption that children have already experienced and result in very unsettled children.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Woodhouse and to Miss Brook and wish them all the best and thank them for the care given to our lovely children. Also, a temporary goodbye to Mrs Craven as she starts her maternity leave; further baby updates to follow.

We hope you have a lovely, restful Easter and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25th April at 8:45.

Regards,

*Mrs Howe*

## ***Foundation Stage – Robin (Nursery), Owl & Swan (Reception)***

This half term in Nursery children have been really enjoying the story *The Gingerbread Man* - they had a special challenge to make him a boat so he could cross the river without being eaten by the fox! We talked about floating and sinking and learnt the word 'soggy' as we found out what happens if a biscuit gets wet! Nursery children have also enjoyed exploring the school grounds in the warmer weather - we have spotted lots of signs of spring and created some beautiful spring inspired artwork. I have been really impressed with all the amazing rhyming Nursery children have been doing too - lots of children can recite short rhymes all the way though, match rhyming pairs and make up new rhyming words.

In Reception, children have enjoyed the story *How to Grow a Dinosaur*. They were challenged to think about possible scenarios when they saw footprints in the classroom and were extremely surprised when they saw video footage of a dinosaur in Reception class! This inspired some amazing learning as children wrote signs for the doors and explained to visitors what had happened! Dinosaurs cropped up in maths learning too as children enjoyed an exciting large dinosaur dice game outside.

Children in Reception have also been learning about spring and growth and have looked at what happens to flowers over a longer period of time. It has been a great spring term in Early Years!

### ***Key Stage 1 Sparrow, Blackbird & Puffin (Year 1 & 2)***

In KS1 this term we have had lots of fun learning about continents around the world. We also learnt about real life heroes such as Florence Nightingale. We had amazing fun on World Book day as we got to dress up as our favourite characters. We also had a fun-filled story telling session with Sue Dyde and a crazy hair Red Nose Day. The Spring term has seen amazing work across all areas and we are very excited for the Summer Term to be even more impressed!

### ***Lower Key Stage 2 Skylark, Woodpecker & Kingfisher (Year 3 & 4)***

Children have been reading Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell for much of this half-term. This fantastic story about children in Victorian England and France has produced some super narrative writing. For the final couple of weeks, we have been focussing on writing detailed, precise setting descriptions using The Journey by Aaron Becker to inspire our budding authors.

In our topic work we have travelled around Europe learning about different countries, located them on the map and concentrated on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics and major cities. We have also learnt about the origins of different animals around Europe. We have enjoyed learning about electricity in Science, creating circuits and learning about conductors and insulators. We look forward to looking at the Brilliant Brontë' Sisters and Haworth next half term.

### ***Upper Key Stage 2 Heron, Kestrel & Chaffinch (Year 5 & 6)***

It has been a very exciting half-term for Year 5/6 as we delved deeper into our Ancient Greeks topic! We focussed on famous battles in Ancient Greece, including the Trojan war and the Battle of Marathon. We then learned about how the Olympics has changed since the Ancient Greek era and how this compares to the Modern Olympics. In English, we created a balanced argument on which was the best city-state, Athens or Sparta? This balanced argument had to remain unbiased until the conclusion, where we could give our own opinion. We then moved onto our biography unit, where we researched and studied the life of Stephen Hawking and the impact he has had on the world. We used this information to write a biography all about him. We are really excited to launch into our next topic - Space - after the holidays.

### ***The Nest***

This half term, the children and staff have worked extremely hard transforming our outdoor area into a brand-new sensory garden. In here, we have a bug hotel, a sand pit, a mud kitchen, an alphabet area and many more exciting things for us to explore. We have enjoyed using this area to practice our phonics when the sun has been out! We have also been working really hard on our fine and gross motor skills. The Spar very kindly donated some ingredients for us in the Nest and we used these to make playdough, we then made letters and numbers with these to help with our learning. Due to the weather being so nice, we made the most of this by going outside and exploring water play and using the trikes/scooters to help improve our balance and gross motor skills. We have absolutely loved this! Fingers crossed next half term the weather is just as nice so we can explore the outdoors ever more!

## **Meet our Governors – This half term Mrs Heathcote our Staff Governor has this article**

Throughout school, there have been many exciting opportunities for the children this half term. We have celebrated World Book Day, where children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters and telling us all about the books that they had been reading recently. Another exciting event was our Science Workshops! Children from Reception to Year 6 were able to explore a range of fun, lively investigations culminating in the launch of rockets in the school playground.

As well as these events, the children have continued to immerse themselves into our half termly topics, preparing for their Fab Finish days. We are all extremely excited about starting our new topics after Easter and progressing our learning further! We hope that you have a lovely Easter holiday.

## **Sports and Club News**

KS1 children have taken part in some fun orienteering sessions this half term and they have been enjoying dodgeball during their indoor PE. Year 3/4 have continued their Handball skills this half term as well as developing their dance abilities. They have also taken part in some fun orienteering sessions. Year 5/6 have enjoyed playing football and learning the new fun game of Ultimate Frisbee this half term, which has been very popular!

KS2 Running Club - KS2 children have been working hard to achieve their miles around the All-Weather Pitch to improve their stamina; they will receive a certificate for every 10 miles. They have also been developing their sprints.

Yr3/4 Football - Year 3/4 children have been developing their football skills this half term. They have been working on control, passing and finishing. Some of the children are already better than the coach but luckily, two children from Year 5 /6 have been helping too, and they are both excellent footballers. We may have a future international here at Haworth...

KS2 Just Dance - This group have enjoyed dancing to their favourite chart songs and following the Just Dance moves as well as creating their own routines. There has also been some breakdancing mixed in with one of the pupils leading the skills!

Yoga continues to be popular across the School, which is great as it not only has physical benefits but it is also superb for our children's mental health! A letter has been emailed out for the Summer 1 club with Lindsey Vickers.

SportsCool will be back in Summer 2 with a football club running on a Tuesday for KS1 and KS2, this letter has also been emailed out. This will be a popular club as we have so many keen footballers across the School, so sign up quickly to avoid disappointment!

Year 2 Art Club - Year 2 had the opportunity to take part in an art club inspired by Eric Carle. They experimented with paint and collage techniques. We are so proud of the wonderful work they produced.

KS2 Drama Club - The children have enjoyed singing songs from Encanto and practising their acting and performing skills, some have really impressed Mrs Howe!

Competitions and Events - Early March was very busy with many events. We were very proud to see Jacob do so well in the West Yorkshire School Games competition at Temple Newsam; it is a delight to see our runners reach their potential. The KS2 Girl's Football team played brilliantly against the Trust Schools in a friendly tournament; it is so refreshing to see so many girls across the year groups enjoying football at Haworth and we want to continue to encourage this! A group of Year 6 pupils enjoyed a climbing experience at the High Adventure Centre where they pushed themselves to improve their climbing skills. The final Cross-Country race of the season took place at Marley and the KS2 children put in an astounding effort against the cold, icy rain that did not stop!! The Year 3 Handball team had a fantastic time at Lees Primary School, playing mini matches against the Trust Schools, again in typical, freezing Spring conditions! Our final event this half term will be the much-loved Bunny Run taking place on Friday 8th April, please check your emails for information about this event and please help us to raise money for the Ukraine appeal by donating on Parent Pay and sending your children to School in Blue and Yellow if possible.

**PE kits should be in School, during term time.**

### ***Dates for your Diary***

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School re- opens</b>		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closed	May Day Bank Holiday	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Sat's Week	During school day	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Wear Red, White and Blue to School	More details to follow
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Whole school picnic lunch outside (weather permitting)	More details to follow
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School closes</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens		

### ***HOSC News***

Hi all,

Yet another busy half term is ending with the children enjoying all the activities we have at HOSC. With the lighter nights, we have been able to play out longer and the children are enjoying whizzing around the playground on the scooters! Football remains a popular choice every evening and it's so lovely to see the older children coaching our younger ones, improving their skills and playing together so well.

We are so proud of our Stars of the Week, who are always excellent role models and so helpful to staff and children alike. It is so difficult to choose just two each week from our amazing group of children!

As we head towards the warmer weather – fingers crossed – please could you ensure your child has a hat for the sunny days and sun cream if necessary.

Finally, can we wish you all a safe and happy Easter break! Try not to eat too much chocolate and we look forward to seeing you all when we return.

The HOSC Team