

Harvest Time

This year our Harvest Festival will take place on **Friday 19th October at 9am in the school hall**. We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a very special assembly.

Following the success of last year's appeal we will once again be collecting items for a local Food Bank which will be chosen by the School Council. Please send in your contributions from Monday 15th October – Thursday 18th October. More details to follow in a letter next week.



Have your contact details changed?

Thank you to all parents/carers that have returned their student update forms. If you have not yet returned your child's form, please do so as soon as possible. **Please ensure you provide two contacts for your child in case of emergency.** Please contact the school office to let us know if your contact details change during the year. Thank you.

Absence and Punctuality

If you need to take your child out of school during term time for any reason, **please make a request in writing** at least three weeks in advance for the attention of Mrs Bevan. Where possible please book medical/dental appointments for outside school hours.

If your child is absent due to illness **please notify the school office** on the first morning of illness. On your child's return to school, please provide medical evidence or write a letter to explain why your child was absent.

Please ensure your child **arrives at school on time and is collected on time**. If you are late in collecting your child, this has an impact on staff time. Your child may be placed in After School Club and a fee will be incurred.

Celebration Winners

We are always proud of our children in school and we reward them in many ways. As well as holding Celebration Assemblies, we hold a winning House Team 'juice cafe' with juice and popcorn, dojo points are awarded in class and stickers are used throughout school. I am sure you are as proud of the children as we are.

Achievement Awards:

R: Dominic Y4: Keira
Y1: Spencer Y5: Joshua
Y2: Mustafa Y6: Mohammed Yusuf
Y3: James



B&A Club Award: Dot

Lunchtime Awards: Toby & Maria

Attendance Winners: Reception & Year 3

House Team Winners: Openshaw

If someone else is collecting your child from school, **you must** inform your child's class teacher or the school office **in advance**. We are unable to release a child to anyone we have not been notified about. Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of our children.

PA News

Fright Night – Thursday 1st November at 6-7.30pm for children in Reception – Year 6

Christmas Fair – Friday 30th November 3.15-5.15pm. We will be holding three non-uniform days:

- Thursday 15th November: Chocolate tombola donations
- Thursday 29th November – Rainbow tombola donations
- Thursday 29th November – Bottle tombola donations

Easter Bingo - Wednesday 17th April at 5.30pm doors open for 6pm start. There will be a non-uniform day:

- Thursday 28th March – Chocolate Egg donation

Summer Disco – Thursday 6th June 6-7.30pm for children in Reception – Year 6

Very sadly, due to a lack of helpers at the Summer Fair in 2018, **there will be no Summer Fair in 2019**. Despite making £2,000 this year, due to lack of volunteers on the day the PA are unable to commit to running the event this school year.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the PA and volunteering to organise fundraising events, please contact the school office.

Half Term Holiday Camp

Higher Lane Primary School will be holding a Pick n Mix Holiday Camp (For years 1 to 6 only) from 9am-3pm on Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018. It will provide a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities.

The cost is £15 per day or £65 for the full week. For more information call Stuart Cowling on 07737368158 or email: stucowling11@yahoo.co.uk

Please see the letter that has been emailed to parents/carers for full details.

'Time Out for Parents'

Parenting workshops called 'Time Out for Parents' will be held at Mersey Drive Primary School in November. It is a free course, run by a parent in a friendly and relaxed way, where you will feel supported and never judged.

The sessions cover: what being a parent's really like; children's needs; feelings & listening; boundaries & parenting styles; keeping children safe. If you are interested please contact Mersey Drive on 0161 766 6298 (please note that places are limited) or alternatively call Anna Shaw (facilitator) on 0161 796 3259.

Please see the poster in the noticeboard for full details.

English Workshops

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended one of our workshops. We hope you found it a useful and informative session.

Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Netball Rally at St Monica's this week. The team is quite new and made an excellent effort in their first competition. Well done!

Individual Photographs – Change of Date

Please note that Individual Photograph day with John Hunt Photography has been changed to **Wednesday 28th November**.

Is your child due to start Reception Class in September 2019?

If you or someone you know has a child due to start Reception Class in September 2019, then you are warmly invited to join us for our Open Day on Thursday 1st November 2018.

There are two sessions at 11am-12pm and 1.45-2.45pm. Please call the office to register your interest.

MacMillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who supported our Charity Coffee Morning/Afternoon in the school hall. This year, we raised an amazing £529 which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. A special thank you to our PA volunteers who gave up their free time to run the event.

Children's Book Sale

Your support for Mrs Rogan's Children's Book Sale is much appreciated. The sale raised more than £80 which has been donated to Alzheimer's Society.



Diary Dates 2018

Wednesday 10 th October	2.45pm Y5 Class Assembly
Thursday 18 th October	Year 3 Stone Age Dress Up Day (see letter)
Friday 19 th October	9am Harvest Assembly 3.15pm School closes for half term
Monday 29 th October	8.50am School re-opens
Thursday 1 st November	11am-12pm and 1.45-2.45pm Open Day for parents/carers with a child starting Reception Class in September 2019 6-7.30pm Fright Night for children in Reception – Year 6