

# HCPS NEWSLETTER



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It has been such a busy month at HCPS, all classes are getting stuck in to their topics and we have been creating some wonderful pieces of work. We have lots planned over the next few weeks as we head in to the festive period.

## School Of The Year



Hoyland Common Primary were this year nominated for the "School of the Year" award in the Barnsley Chronicle "Proud of Barnsley" by a parent. They stated in their nomination "The school is recognised by Ofsted as 'outstanding' but as 'special' by the children and parents in the local community. It is not just the academic results which makes the school a special place to learn but the way all children are encouraged to be the best they can in whatever area they thrive in." Following the nomination I am pleased to announce we won the school of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of staff in the HCPS Team for their continued efforts in ensuring our school continues to strive and reward, not only in academia but also in enabling the children in our care to be the best that they can. This award would not have been possible without the support of the parents and children which makes HCPS such fantastic place to learn.



### STARS OF HOYLAND

One of our Year 5 pupils, Erin Marrison was nominated for an award at the Stars of Hoyland Awards after raising awareness and money for Diabetes UK by completing a mile swim and raising a fantastic £381! What a fantastic effort from Erin in not only swimming a whole mile but also raising money for a charity that is close to the hearts of many in our community. Erin was presented with her award by Michael Dugher MP in a special awards ceremony at the Town Hall. At the Stars of Hoyland Award, Michael Dugher MP announced that he was doing a special award for a very special school, one that was not only outstanding but also at the hub of the community. He announced Hoyland Common Primary School as that very star!

Thank-you to everybody who kindly supported our fundraising efforts for children in need, your donations have enabled us to raise £602.85 in aid of CIN. We had lots of activities taking place including a colouring competition and a whole school talent show. Well done to everybody who took part, the School Council had a very difficult job in deciding the winners!



### Anti-Bullying Week

Last week was Anti-Bullying week in school where each class spent the week covering areas related to bullying, taking part in some great discussions and creating some fantastic pieces of work about the effects of bullying. Year 6 looked at 'Ethel the Apple and how after throwing her on the floor a few times she still looked the same however when they cut her open she was all bruised brown and hurt on the inside, this made pupils realise that the effects of bullying cant always be seen if the damage is on the inside. We also had a visit from Buddy the anti-bullying Panda who visited each class to see what they had been up to. Buddy was very impressed with the work the children had produced and their understanding about bullying.





### Wentworth

Head of House: Mrs Paddock  
 Head Boy: Oliver Lewis  
 Head Girl: Alina Millard

### Fitzwilliam

Head of House: Mrs Robinson  
 Head Boy: Ryan Whitehouse  
 Head Girl: Madison Howarth

### Rockingham

Head of House: Miss Redfearn  
 Head Boy: Jack Shepherd  
 Head Girl: Millie Winder

### Strafford

Head of House: Mrs Harrison  
 Head Boy: Ben Booker  
 Head Girl: Gabrielle Harling

### Total House Points:

**Wentworth**

1035

**Fitzwilliam**

1139

**Rockingham**

1005

**Strafford**

1036

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 30th November—Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics  
 Thursday 1st December—KS2 Church Visit—Christingle  
 Friday 2nd December—Christmas Fair (2.30pm)  
 Friday 2nd December—Football @ West Meadows  
 Monday 5th December—Parents Evening  
 Tuesday 6th December—KS1 Nativity (9.20am)  
 Tuesday 6th December—Parents Evening  
 Wednesday 7th December—FS Nativity (9.30am & 2.15pm)  
 Thursday 8th December—KS1 Nativity (2.15pm)  
 Friday 9th December—Barnsley Music Service Assembly  
 Friday 9th December—Football @ Oakwell  
 Monday 12th December—KS1 Panto @ Academy Theatre  
 Monday 12th December—Y3/4 Christmas Party  
 Tuesday 13th December—Y1/2 Christmas Party  
 Wednesday 14th December—Y5/6 Christmas Party  
 Wednesday 14th December—FS Christmas Party  
 Thursday 15th December—School Christmas Dinner  
 Friday 16th December—Break Up For Christmas  
 Tuesday 3rd January—School Re-Opens

## Ministry Of Chocolate



Year 3/4 recently had a visit from the Minister of Chocolate and are now qualified chocolatologists! They learned all about the history of chocolate, how its made and even had the chance to design and make their own chocolates. After designing their own chocolates the pupils in Miss Harston's class have used their ICT skills to create and present PowerPoint presentations to their class to present their ideas to the class and persuade their peers that their ideas were the best. Take a look at the Y3/4 blogs to see some of the presentations in action.

## **Lest We Forget...**

Across school we have spent some time focusing on the importance of Remembrance Day and why it is so significant. Pupils created some beautiful pieces of art work including posters, paintings and poetry which has been displayed across school; some examples of the work created can be seen on the school blog. HCPS also supported the Royal British Legion in this years poppy appeal and managed to raise £295.83 towards the appeal by selling poppies in school. Miss Davies attended the Hoyland Remembrance Parade and laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of pupils and staff at HCPS, it was great to see so many of our pupils taking part in the parade with brownies and rainbows etc.

Don't forget to check the school blog and twitter account to see what we have been getting up to in school.



@HoylandCommonPS

@HCPSEYFS



@HCPS\_KS1

@HCPS\_KS2

Something you are proud of? Share it with Mr Fallon to appear on our tweet beam.  
 #HCPSProudSelfie

### Attendance

HCPS continues to promote good attendance across school. This month has been attendance awareness month and it is brilliant to see how positive everybody has been about ensuring attendance remains high. Each child received a special 'thank-you goody bag' for supporting our attendance initiative. Lets try to keep our attendance up and beat the schools target of 96.8%.

CI1—94.3%	CI4—96.2%	CI7—96.4%	CI10— 97.7%
CI2— 94.5%	CI5—97.4%	CI8— 98.8%	CI11— 97.0%
CI3— 97.3%	CI6—96.2%	CI9—96.5%	CI12-96.0%