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# Hothfield News

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## Welcome to the New School Year...



How wonderful it was to see all the children so smart and ready to learn last Tuesday morning – and what a start the children have made to their learning! The school has a wonderfully positive feel with a real excitement about the learning to come this term. A special welcome to Hothfield to our new children and families in Year 3. We hope your children are already enjoying their new school.

We are looking forward to an exciting learning year with lots planned.

Hothfield is growing some wonderful writers. Of the children who left in July, 91% achieved the national writing standard and their progress was 'significantly above' most other children around the country. This year we want to further boost our success in developing children's writing through continuing our focus on poetry to inspire our children to write creatively and develop their wonderful-word skills.

Reading success is rooted in children enjoying great books – so many are inspired to read through the Hothfield Reading Challenge – do keep supporting your child to read these books over the year – perhaps with you! 76% of our Y6 leavers achieved the standard in July (66% of children achieved this across the country).

In maths this year we want to take the children's ability to reason and problem-solve to the next level as well as using motivational, online resources to boost their fluency. We are becoming a centre of excellence for the teaching and learning of maths, supporting schools in our area on their journey toward 'Mastery Maths'. 91% of our Y6 children achieved the standard in July – compared to 70% nationally.

More on all these developments for the school as the year goes on...

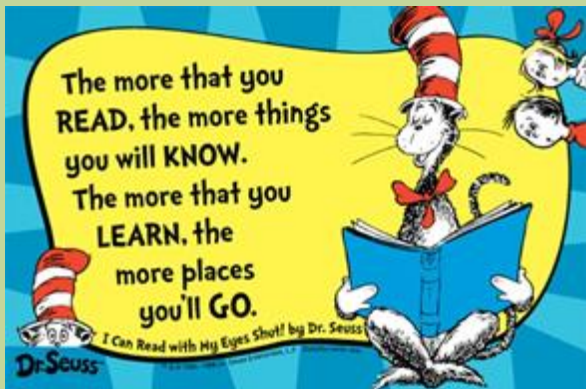
## Roald Dahl Day

To commemorate 100 years since Roald Dahl's birth and to promote reading for pleasure, we are holding a special Roald Dahl storytime on Tuesday – children will go all round the school to hear some of Dahl's books. We will also vote to choose Hothfield's favourite Dahl book – results next newsletter!

## Open School for Reading

Do remember that the school is open from 8.30 every morning for children to come to the library and enjoy a read before school starts – or swap their reading book. Children can be left in the care of Mrs Gornall and will stay in the library until the start of school.

Do also support the Hothfield Reading Challenge – the 25 books listed in the children's Planners which we want all the children to read during their time at Hothfield. They all make great books to read together too.



## Summer Bazaar Success

Thank you for your support for the Hothfield Summer Bazaar at the end of last term. I thought there were some very creative ideas for stalls from the children... Encouraging a spirit of enterprise, we present the Hothfield Enterprise Trophy to the class whose stall generated the most profit – and the winners were 3Rowan who made £91 from their '20p in the Jar' stall. Overall the Bazaar raised a fantastic £767 for our children. Well done to all staff, parents and children who worked so hard to make the event a success.

Our children are proud to be Hothfielders – and their uniforms are an expression of this. They looked fantastic on Tuesday. Do support this sense of pride by supporting the uniform policy – **particularly the black shoes or plain black trainers – no big logos.** And with 278 sets of clothes which all look the same – make sure it is all name-labelled! Lost jumpers are always returned to their owners if they have the name in them...

Congratulations to Kylie Clarke in the office who was married over the school holidays – now Mrs Medley...

After 27 years of helping to make Hothfield children their school meal, Janet Ellis has decided to retire from the school kitchen this Friday. Thank you Janet for your wonderful service to the children of Silsden.

## Home-School Communication

**The Hothfield News newsletter is sent out fortnightly on a Tuesday or Wednesday** – it is the key way we communicate with parents with important messages and dates so do please look out for it and do question your child if it does not arrive home! It is emailed out to everyone we have on our email data-base – do email the school office ([office@hothfield.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@hothfield.bradford.sch.uk)) if you want to be added to the mailing list. In addition we have the **Hothfield School Blog** (google 'Hothfield blog' or follow the link from the home page of our website). The blog has new posts almost every day and children and parents are urged to visit frequently and leave comments.

For parents, the blog is a great way to keep in touch with your child's learning and keep 'in the loop' with all school events.

For tweeters out there. why not follow us on Twitter? #Hothfield sch