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# Hothfield News

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## We Are the Champions – Again!



For the second consecutive year Hothfield are the Bradford School Games girls' football champions.

Free-flowing football, penalty saves, top quality goals, bruises, blood and good sportsmanship aplenty, Hothfield won three and drew one of their four group stage matches to top the group.

Undefeated in their group stage matches, Hothfield progressed to the semi-finals.

Hothfield, who up to this point, had played well but not shown their best form, really turned on the style in the semi-final, winning 5-0.

The final was simply a fantastic match. Hothfield raced into a 2-0 lead, and led 3-1 at the break. Heaton upped their game in the second half and clawed themselves back to parity. With seconds left, Chloe F went on a mazy run and coolly slotted home a dramatic winner.

Congratulations girls – and thank you to Mr Bolland and parents who helped to transport the team... The girls now play in the West Yorkshire games...

## Hothfield Reading Challenge Book Draw

To encourage children to read Hothfield Reading Challenge books, we hold a Prize Draw every term: Children are entered for the draw for every Reading Challenge book they have read. Winners are presented with their own copy of a Reading Challenge book of their choice. Congratulations to Aroosa in Year 3; Oliver in Year 4; Elouise in Y5 and Holly in Y6 who won the draw this term.

The more Reading Challenge books the children read, the more entries they have in the draw so do encourage your child to read these books – the list is in the children's planners.

Each week in assembly, a class promotes one of the Reading Challenge books. Last week 4Tigers were very persuasive in encouraging others to read *The Worst Witch*...

The School Council have chosen to support Red Nose Day as our good cause this half term. Red noses are on sale from 8.45 and 12.15 in the main entrance hall. On Red Nose Day itself (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March) children will be asked to contribute £1 to wear non-uniform (red theme!).

Lots more news and photographs of school life on the Hothfield Blog – just google Hothfield Blog or click on the link from the Hothfield website... Please do leave a comment – the children love it when you do!

Thursday 16th March, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. South Craven Coffee Morning; Community Room

If your child is going to South Craven School, please come along and have your questions answered in an informal setting with Mrs Nutt (Pastoral Care leader, South Craven School) . Mrs Nutt works in Year 7 and is responsible for assigning pupils from Year 6 into classes and sorting out any issues that may arise on a day to day basis. She works very closely with Mr Hughes, head of lower school.

Your questions on the transition programme will be answered for children with special educational needs and the support that will be given at SCS.

Year 5 parents are very welcome as choices for Secondary school and application forms are to be completed in the Autumn. Please come along for any advice on filling applications or have your questions answered on life at South Craven School.

Working parents can e-mail any questions to me and I will e-mail a response back.

Mrs Burgoyne: Family Inclusion Mentor

## Thank a Teacher

We've all had a great teacher. They show a real interest in who we are, listen to our thoughts, inspire us to learn and encourage us to achieve our best, no matter what our goals are.

If you think your child's teacher is doing a great job and you would like to thank them, please visit

[www.pearsonteachingawards.com](http://www.pearsonteachingawards.com) and click on 'Thank a Teacher' (Or google 'Thank a teacher' and select the Pearson Teaching Awards site...)

## Launch of weekly 'R Time'

We all want our children to have strong social skills, to treat one another with respect and good manners and to be able to work cooperatively together with others...

We have therefore started to use a programme called R Time in all classes. R Time takes place once a week and takes about 20 minutes.

During each session, children work with a randomly chosen partner and work cooperatively on a simple activity. The programme is designed to develop courtesy and good manners as well as to develop turn-taking, cooperation, sharing and fairness.

The language associated with these skills rapidly develops and encourages respectful relationships between children.

As relationships develop and broaden, this will raise self-esteem, improve the emotional well-being of our children and enhance their learning potential. It is one of our core beliefs that when children feel good about themselves and are happy in school then they are better learners.

Why not ask your child about their R Time experiences? The programme will begin this week. We would of course be interested to hear your views and comments as the programme develops.

Parents and children from 3Rowan are already aware that Mrs Fairburn has chosen to retire from teaching at the end of this term. Mr Duncan will take 3Rowan class for the Summer term.