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Hothfield News

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Open School Next Week

Every day at Hothfield, children are learning well and making good progress. In every classroom, there is a great atmosphere for learning and children eager to learn more. Many parents have said that they would like to know more about their child's experience at school each day. They want to see their child learning well – and our children want to show this off too.

There is an opportunity for parents to see this good learning with our 'Open School Week'.

During the week commencing 27th March, we are inviting parents to come in and have a tour of the school **each morning**. Parents will be shown round by a member of the School Council and see the learning in each classroom (we will not ask your own child to show you around because we think you will want to see them learning in class!).

We are not putting on any special 'show' lessons – we want you to have the opportunity to see what goes on every day. You do not need to arrange in advance – just report to the school office at any time during any morning next week.

We have made this **mornings-only** because this is when you will see the core English and maths lessons. Afternoons include assemblies; teachers PPA-time; some children swimming and other complications...

(Please note: While we are promoting parent visits during Open School Week, parents are welcome at anytime over the year to arrange to come and have a look at the school in action through the day)

Learning From One Another...



As we move towards becoming one Silsden Primary School from September, we are finding more and more opportunities for staff and children to work together across the two buildings. Year 5 children have been working on writing a story to perform and read to younger children so Year 1 children were a perfect audience! Starting with looking at Michael Rosen's 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt', Year 5 children wrote their own stories and took them to the Year 1 classes. Groups performed with Year 1s joining in with words and actions. Year 1 children were able to share their stories with Year 5 children too.

Well done to all the children involved – showing wonderful 6R Relationship skills...

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!

Promoting 6Rs Through Sport

Many of the 6R learning skills are developed through competitive sport and over the last week many of our children have really shown their Resilience, Resourcefulness and good Relationships.

A record breaking 80 Hothfield children took part in the final KCAC Primary Schools Cross Country Race on Wednesday in Silsden Park, which saw children from schools all over the district competing. Conditions were perfect – the sun shone and our park looked stunning helping to create a truly wonderful atmosphere. It was fantastic to see so many of our pupils, many competing for the first time, showing their incredible Hothfield grit and determination, spurred on by the enthusiastic cheers and shouts from their parents and class mates.



More Resilience was on display at the Bingley Schools Swimming Gala where our team competed against some of the best swimmers in the district. They did so with great spirit – again showing many of the Hothfield 6Rs in action. Overall, our team came 11th of the 24 schools competing.



The School Council have chosen to support Red Nose Day as our good cause this half term. On Friday 24th March children can contribute £1 to wear non-uniform (red theme!).

Keeping Our Children Safe On The Road...

The Big Pedal campaign is prompting many children to cycle or scoot to school – good for them and the environment.

Of course it is essential that our children are aware of the dangers of the road and how they can best keep themselves safe. Please have this conversation with your child – particularly about the dangers and safe practices on their journey to school.

Adults, please also support the safety message by:

- Not blocking the pavement around the gates so children (from Aire View too) have to step into the road to get by... When dropping and collecting children, please wait **inside** the gates rather than outside on the pavement... (If you have to wait outside – with a dog for instance – please ensure there is room for children and prams to pass without having to use the road)
- Crossing Hothfield Street in the area marked by the zig-zags where there is a clear view of traffic – and insisting our children cross here too...
- As drivers, respecting the zig-zag area as the crossing point – and **not as a drop-off point**. **There is 'no stopping' on the zig-zags** – it blocks the clear view...
- As drivers, being hyper-vigilant and travelling very slowly on Hothfield Street. Almost all the traffic on Hothfield Street at school start and finish times is parent cars - so together we can ensure that no cars are travelling fast and putting our children at risk...