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Hothfield News

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Cober Hill

Our Year 4 children have now returned from their hugely successful residential trip to Cober Hill near Scarborough. Spending some nights away from home is number 48 on our 51 Hothfield Experiences list. Whilst there, they visited the castle, studied the town, had a cliff-top walk, built their independence and so much more.

I know the Y4 parents would like me to pass on their thanks to staff and volunteers who gave up so much of their time to accompany the children – it is much appreciated.

Want to see more photographs and read more about the trip? Look on the Hothfield Blog...



Pen-Y-Ghent Conquered!



What a fabulous walk up Penyghent on the first day of the Easter holidays! Well done to all the Hothfielders who conquered the mountain...

The second of the Hothfield 3 Peaks Walks is on Saturday – climbing Whernside. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk each of the three peaks in the company of other Hothfielders. The children get a great sense of achievement as they are presented with their certificates for 'conquering the mountains' by Mr Carey in assembly.

Just meet at the Wesley Place Car Park at 8am Saturday.

Fidget Spinners

Children love a craze and the latest is fidget spinners. At Hothfield, we have a clear policy that toys in school cause more problems than they solve so they should be left at home. There are a small number of cases where a child has an identified special educational need where a 'fiddle toy' can help their concentration. If this is the case, this is an agreed strategy with the classteacher and under the control of the classteacher. Other than in these pre-agreed cases, fidget spinners should therefore not be brought into school.

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!

Dates for Your Diary This Term:

- W/C 8th May: Y6 SATS week
- W/C 15th May: Y5 trips to Waterworks
- W/C 22nd May: Y3 Production
- Friday 26th May – school closed for Training Day and then half term holiday
- 5th June: School reopens
- 19th June: E-safety for Parents meeting
- W/C 26th June: Sports Week – Sports Days for Y3/4 (Tuesday afternoon) and Y5/6 (Thursday afternoon)
- 28th June – Y5 South Craven Day
- 3rd July – Transition Day – children in 2017-18 classes
- 13th July – Pupil Reports to Parents
- 18th July – Parent Drop-In to discuss reports
- 21st July – School closes

Before school supervision

Please note that our playgrounds are supervised from 8.50am each morning. The whistle blows for the start of school at 8.55am.

Before 8.50, children in the playground are the responsibility of their parents.

While rare, there are occasionally disputes or arguments about games between older children who have arrived at school independently and before 8.50. Parents should note that there are no staff in the playground before 8.50 to help with such disputes. Of course, children can always come into school to seek help. However, children who struggle at times to get on with others and may get involved in arguments and disputes are advised not to arrive at school before 8.50.

Any child can come into school through the main entrance for Open School for Reading in the School Library from 8.30. This is a supervised opportunity to enjoy reading and books before school. Once children have entered the school, they should go directly to the library and remain there until school begins at 8.55.

Protecting our children from cyber bullying...

What is cyber bullying?

Cyber bullying is the use of electronic media - especially mobile phones and the internet - to intimidate, threaten or upset someone. Cyber bullying can include:

- texting or sharing scary or rude messages by mobile phone
- sending unpleasant photographs by mobile phone or other device
- using online message boards, chat rooms or social networking sites to post cruel messages
- deleting the victim's name from or ignoring their messages on social networking sites

Cyber-bullying is a real challenge for many teenagers. Many of our Hothfield children can be protected from this by not giving children access to social networking at a young age. Facebook states that users should be at least 13. This advice comes from the BBC Parents website and matches the advice we give children in school:

If you suspect your child is being cyber bullied, don't ignore it. Consider the following approaches:

- *Make sure your child is aware of cyber bullying.*
- *Be aware of your child's internet activity.*
- *Try to understand the technology and communication networks your child uses.*
- *Ask your child to show you any nasty messages he or she receives.*
- *Tell your child never to respond to an abusive text message – report instead.*
- *Talk to staff at your child's school if other pupils at the school are involved.*

Please note that we will be holding an E-Safety for Parents meeting at school on the evening of 19th June – more details to follow...