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# Hothfield News

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## Out and About Learning...

Children's learning is really enhanced by visits and trips out of school...

This week the Year 5 classes are all visiting Yorkshire Water's Headingley Treatment Works to enhance their science curriculum. They will learn all about the water cycle and how water is cleaned for us to drink.



Meanwhile, Year 4 are linking with Year 4 children at Heaton Primary School to support their development of the Hothfield 6R for Relationships.



Y5 have also visited the historic canal barge The Kennet which is mooring on the canal in Silsden and using this opportunity to learn about Silsden's canal heritage. (The Kennet is open to the public through the day on Sunday)

## Learning About the World of Work...



Our Year 6 children took part in a Careers Day workshop on Monday morning. Children were able to work with a variety of employers from our Silsden community and learn about the skills they were looking for and a taste of the job. The session really helped to reinforce for our children the link between the values and skills we instil in Hothfield pupils and those that employers seek – some great pictures on the blog... Hothfield 51 Experiences No.42: Finding out about the jobs people do in our community...

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!

## Supporting Good Causes...

The School Council have chosen to support Sam Boatwright's Epic Adventure in aid of Help for Heroes as this half term's good cause.

Sam Boatwright is a local man who completed his first Epic Run in 2012 running 50 miles a day for 50 days. This was followed by an Epic Cycle in 2015 cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End non-stop. This July he is completing his next Epic Adventure running and cycling across the United States from New York to Los Angeles.

The Non-Uniform Day in support of Sam Boatwright and Help for Heroes is on the last day of this half term – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Children should bring at least £1 for the good cause.

## Sun Safety

Our children are out in the sun at lunchtimes for about 40 minutes – plus morning and afternoon break and also some outdoor lessons. We do not have much shade in our playgrounds so on hot sunny days this means they need to be sun safe.

Please ensure on sunny days your child has a hat or cap to wear. They should also have sun cream – this can be looked after and applied by your child themselves. Please write your child's name on the bottle.

And most importantly, the children need water. Please ensure your child brings a bottle of water to school – which can be re-filled through the day with the lovely fresh cold water from our dispensers...

(The last time I put this message in the newsletter last year, we did not see the sun for weeks so I hope I haven't put a curse on it!)

School closes for the half term holiday on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Children return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, the school is closed for a Training Day. All staff from across the Hothfield and Aire View sites are gathering together to establish the aims and values of our new Silsden Primary School. We want to take all that is great from both schools to form the values of the new school. We will share these with you after the half term holiday along with everything else you will need to know about arrangements for September...

## Keeping Our Children Safe...

In recent weeks, a number of our children have talked about their access to video games with a rating of 15+ or even 18+.

Exposure to these games by primary school age children is a real concern. The games are given 15+ or 18+ ratings for a clear reason – because they are damaging to younger children. They expose children to worlds, behaviours, actions and language which is a great negative influence on them. We notice worrying behaviour in the classroom and the playground which stems directly from playing these games.

As parents, we are responsible for protecting our children and ensuring they are not damaged by exposure to 15+ and 18+ rated video games.