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# Hothfield News

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## Silsden Primary School Values

On the Friday before the half term holiday, the whole staff team for the new Silsden Primary School were able to join together and share our values which will underpin all that we do for the children of the new Silsden Primary School from September:

### **At Silsden Primary School we believe that:**

- our school is a place where all belong, all are nurtured and cared for and all feel safe*
- our school is a place of curiosity, joy and creativity where we foster a love of learning and a sense of self-belief, determination and high aspirations*
- our children are entitled to the highest quality education delivered with integrity, equality and fairness*

### **And so we want our children to leave Silsden Primary School with:**

- strength in the Silsden 6Rs for Learning – resilience; responsibility; good social and learning relationships; resourcefulness and the ability to reflect and reason.*
- confidence and enjoyment in reading, writing and maths*
- a strong knowledge and understanding of the world around them and the desire to know more*
- an appreciation of the lives of others – recognising that which we have in common and valuing difference*
- the ability to grow from mistakes, have their ideas challenged and challenge the ideas of others*
- an understanding that effort plus challenge leads to success*
- a positive attitude towards school and learning and a motivation to continue succeeding*

Mrs Bottomley and I will be writing to parents at the end of June with all the information you will need for the switch to the new school from September.

## Election Fever Hits Hothfield...

With the general election on Thursday, it is important that our children understand and value our democracy and so we will be holding our own School Election on the same day. On Wednesday, Year 6 children will be presenting the case for each of the main parties. Children will then vote on Thursday at our own Hothfield Polling Station in the school hall. We will share the results in the next newsletter...



We are holding our termly Times Table Bee next week – our inter-class competition to promote learning tables by heart. Every correct answer your child gives scores a point for their class... Is your child practising? Apps or on-line times table games are great for this....

## Three Peaks

It is the third of the Three Peaks Walks on Saturday – Ingleborough this time... Meet at the Wesley Place Car Park at 8am... (Subject to weather conditions – there will be a message out on Friday if the forecast does not look good...)

## Supporting Good Causes...

The School Council's non-uniform day supporting Sam Boatwright and his 'epic challenge' to run and cycle across the United States in aid of Help for Heroes raised £178 – thank you for your support.

This year's School Council have chosen to end their year of office with a major 'good cause' fundraiser: They want to raise enough money to buy a defibrillator for the school so if anyone – adult or child – in school or around has a heart attack, the defibrillator will be to hand and could save a life.

We have contacted the West Yorkshire Ambulance Service and they recommend a particular defibrillator for schools which costs around £1000. This is beyond one non-uniform day, so the School Council are going to hold a special sponsored mile event in the last week of term – more details nearer the time.

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy.

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to start immediately and to work 5 lunchtimes per week from 12:15pm to 1:15pm. If you would like further information about this position please contact the office on 01535 210666.

## Hothfield Summer Bazaar

More details of this nearer the time, but do mark in your diaries Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 3.30-5pm for the Hothfield Summer Bazaar. There will be many stalls and activities for children and adults to enjoy. Encouraging a spirit of enterprise, this is very much an event organised and run by the children. They have already started to think of ideas for stalls – and it looks like we are going to have some interesting ones! We hope that as many parents, grandparents and friends of the school will be able to come along and see what the children have to sell to you...

## Avoiding a Crumpled Heart...

A key part of children's schooling is learning how to get on with one another. We work hard to encourage Hothfielders to treat one another with kindness and respect. Children of this age can slip into name-calling and teasing about anything that they perceive to be different about one another. A running theme in assemblies and in class discussions is that we are all different and difference is good. In each class, there is a 'crumpled heart' pinned to the wall. This is a reminder to all children that if they tease or name-call someone, then it has a bad effect on them – it 'crumples their heart'. Saying sorry or making-up afterwards can help to smooth the crumpled heart back out, but wrinkles will remain. So the positive message for Hothfielders is that difference is good, we should always look to reach out the Hothfield hand of friendship and that name-calling or teasing will always leave a crumpled heart...

## Uniform

Hothfielders are proud to wear their uniform – and very smart they look too. With warmer weather, jumpers tend to be taken off and left around the school – these always find their way back to their owners if they are clearly labelled – do have a look to see if your child's uniform needs re-naming...

Please note that one of the aims of our uniform policy is to keep things simple for our children and so the pressures of fashion do not distract from learning. We have noticed that there have been some quite big and bright headbands and clips being worn. If girls need clips or bands for their hair, please try and keep this simple – and if possible in school colours of red, white, black or grey.

And a reminder to all – our uniform requires black shoes or all black trainers – without prominent logos. Please support the uniform policy by ensuring you provide your child with the right shoes for school...

More news about the new Silsden Primary School uniform coming soon, but please be aware that we have found an organisation who will take old school jumpers for recycling so they do not have to end up in landfill – so please do not throw any away... more news on this for the end of term... (Thanks Mrs Caveney for finding out about this!)