

We had a lovely Easter Service this morning at church. We joined together in song and our children from Year 4, 5 & 6 read beautifully! It was lovely to see the children place their blessings on the map of the world, all of our children are conscious of the unrest and instability in certain areas of the world at present and they were keen to share their positive thoughts for a better world for all.

On Monday, Worship Club presented their first whole school assembly, they performed the story of Jonah and the Whale. This was, and will continue to be a great way for the children to grow in confidence when performing or presenting to an audience. We look forward to the next



assembly in the summer term. A big thank you to Rev. Ruthi for organising and running this club; the children thoroughly enjoy it!



What's been happening this half-term?

Another very, very busy and fulfilled term at Hebden Royd Primary! We have crammed so much in during spring 2 and the teachers are certainly feeling it (2 weeks off has come just at the right time!)

The PTFA kindly funded the visit of Conrad Burdekin for a whole day of poetry workshops with the children, they LOVED it as he's a very funny man! Many of the children also bought signed copies of his books.

We've had Liz Flanagan in for a whole school assembly and writing workshop with our Year 5/6 children; signing books and talking us through her new title 'The Pirates Dragon'.

Our World Book Day was absolutely superb! Such creative costumes for our geography link this year and it showed how widely our children read. It was really interesting when we plotted our world map outside; over 40 countries covered and 6 continents ticked off! Well done to

everyone for taking part so wholeheartedly and thank you to the parents and families for helping inspire such creative costume choices.

Finally, the kids became scientists for science week! Each year group took part in a mini project, you can find out more by going to the <u>News & Letters page</u> of our website. We also took part in the Big Plastic Count—thank you to our Key Stage 2

families for the returned tally sheets. This information will be used for our on-going Eco Schools work.







Go to our website <u>https://www.hebdenroydprimary.org.uk/</u> and click on 'Our Learning' tab to find out more about what your child will be learning in school.



PTFA NEWS:

Our PTFA have been very active fundraisers this year for the school. Our OPEN MIC NIGHT raised **£400**! The INDIE NIGHT at The Trades raised a further **£800**! **£1,200** raised during the spring term....woo hoo!

Children, in some classes have already had trips subsidised using PTFA money, this year the PTFA have agreed to keep all trips to a maximum of $\pounds 15$ per pupil, they will subsidise anything over this cost, which is really helpful given the extortionate amount of money we now have to pay for transport!

We will also be having some repair work carried out on the EYFS shed in the back playground over Easter. This will also be funded by money raised at PTFA events.

The PTFA do an absolutely FAB job of raising funds for the school; helping us to support the children's learning with high quality resources. If you would like to offer your support, whether you fancy becoming a member of our PTFA or if you are able to help set up and run events then please speak to Mr. Paton or email the PTFA at: **ptfa@hebdenroyd.calderdale.sch.uk**

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 16th May FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT 6pm—7:30pm

NEW DOORS AND SIGNAGE

Using money allocated to the school by the Diocese for eco projects we are having 4 new external doors installed over Easter! They will be insulated and more modern in appearance. Our current doors are old and made of wood which means they easily warp in the wet and cold and also let out a great deal of heat! We are hoping this will reduce energy costs to the school. Eco Council have used a thermal camera to measure energy loss through our external doors and they will follow up when the new doors are fitted, we should have some data that proves we will be more energy efficient!

All being well, we will have our new signs put up in the final week of the holiday, with our new logo and vision that the governors have been working on for the past 18 months or so. It's been a long old process but we are very nearly there! Yay!

LEADERSHIP: RED NOSE DAY

We raised £90 on Friday 15th March for our non-uniform day, the school match funded this and so we were able to send £180 to a local charity— the wish of our School Council. The children voted to donate this money to The Kindness Hub in Todmorden. We received a lovely email of thanks from them which was shared in Friday assembly.

ECO SCHOOL

See attached Newsletter—written by Isaac, Louie & Orson

Check out our Eco School page on our website using the link below. www.hebdenroydprimary.org.uk/eco-schools \Rightarrow

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Invoices for Breakfast Club have been sent out for February. Please ensure these are paid promptly.

 \Rightarrow March Breakfast Club invoices will be sent out early April.

⇒ We have noticed that some of our school community have not updated their contact details. If you have recently moved or changed your mobile number can you please notify the office staff. School must have two named contacts per child; if this is not the case it becomes a safeguarding concern.

Please ensure you have paid for school dinners if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

Dates for the Diary

- w/b 8th April—Reception Parent Eve Monday—Wednesday with Ms. Hannan & Mrs. Mills
 - w/b April 15th—Years 1 to 6 Parent Evenings
- Wednesday 17th April—Athlete Visit (Sean Gaffney Invictus Games & Commonwealth Games) Sponsor forms have been sent home if your child wants to raise money and receive a gift!
 - Wednesday 1st May—height & weight checks
 - Monday13th May—Thursday 16th May SATs week
- Thursday 16th May—PTFA Family Quiz Night held in the school hall 6pm—7:30pm

Have a fabulous Easter break. We'll look forward to welcoming you back for the summer term on <u>Monday 8th April</u>.

Club Dates & Times Summer Terms 23-24

SUMMER TERM	DATES													
YOGA (Year 1-3) £4.00 per session	MONDAYS 3:15pm – 4:15pm	15.04.24	22.04.24	29.04.24	BANK HOLIDAY	13.05.24	20.05.24	10.06.24	17.06.24	24.06.24	01.07.24	08.07.24	15.07.24	
COMPUTING CLUB (Year 5&6)	MONDAYS 3:15pm – 4:15pm	08.04.24	15.04.24	22.04.24	29.04.24	BANK HOLIDAY	13.05.24	20.05.24						
MULTI SKILLS (Year 2-6) £3.00 per session	TUESDAYS 3:15 pm – 4:15pm	16.04.24	23.04.24	30.04.24	07.05.24	14.05.24	21.05.24	11.06.24	18.06.24	25.06.24	02.07.24	09.07.24	16.07.24	
SINGING (Year 3-6)	WEDNESDAYS 3:15pm – 4:15pm	17.04.24	24.04.24	01.05.24	08.05.24	15.05.24	22.05.24	05.06.24	12.06.24	19.06.24	26.06.24	03.07.24	10.07.24	17.07.24

Karate club will still be running every Thursday from 3 – 5pm. This is run by **Budokai Karate**. If you would like your child to attend, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to give you further details of how to sign up.