



Hebden Royd
C of E Primary

Newsletter



Class Dojo

This has been a steep learning curve for all of us, but we actually quite like Class Dojo now we have used it over lockdown and we intend to keep it for the foreseeable future.

Mr Paton has worked tirelessly to make sure it was up and running during lockdown and he has led staff on training around how to use it most effectively.

Staff have found it a really useful communication tool as well as a teaching tool .

241 articles or photos were uploaded last week.

An average of 10 messages a day are sent.

From September we envisage using it for homework and for personalised support materials for children

If you need help setting up the app on your phone or getting connected in anyway—let us know **in September.**

We want to say thank you....

Thank you to everyone who has sent messages of support to staff over the lockdown period, **thank you** to everyone I spoke to on the telephone over lockdown, **thank you** to everyone who had a go at Class Dojo or sent in pictures, work etc via email. **Thank you** to everyone who viewed and liked other children's posts on Class Dojo School Story. **Thank you** to all the staff who helped to keep our school open for Key Worker Kids whether we were on our own site or in the Riverside Hub. **Thank you** to all the staff who came back to school on June 15th and adapted their provision to accommodate the new guidelines for schools. **Thank you** to all the parents who used our socially distant stars. **Thank you** to all the children who came in and showed remarkable resilience and adaptation to just get on with things. **Thank you** to the teachers who are not only in school providing care and lessons for the children who can attend, but are also running their virtual classrooms for those children who are not back with us yet. **Thank you** to the lunchtime staff who have quickly adapted to working in a new way. **Thank you** to Ms Heywood who has been in school every single day welcoming children to Key Worker group, as well as making sure we are clean and following agreed Health and Safety protocols.

Finally thank you and goodbye to Mrs Kay who left us at Easter to work closer to home, Mr Robinson who found a permanent job at Easter, Mrs Evans who is taking early retirement this summer but hopes to continue with a gardening after school club (so it doesn't feel like we're losing her too much) and Mrs Leese who, after many years of living with Multiple Sclerosis, has finally had to stop doing the job she loves. She worked at Hebden Royd for 16 years and it is frustrating that due to current conditions we have been unable to give her the send-off she deserved. Mrs Leese will miss the children and staff but is checking the website regularly to keep in touch and says if you see her in Hebden please say hello.

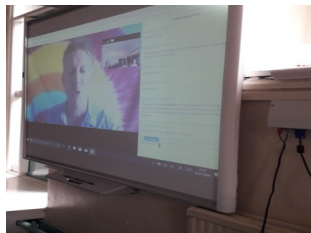
September opening...

We are expecting to be back and working in class only bubbles. This will mean a degree of staggered playtimes and lunches but it will mean we can all come back! Hooray!! We don't know what we're going to do regarding **before and after school care** so parents must be prepared for 8.50am starting and 3pm finishing in September. As soon as there are workable guidelines I will let you know.

New look around school ...

Our school will run with 4 classes from now on—very similar to all the other local schools. Miss Hannan will lead the Reception and Nursery Class (EYFS). Mrs Bullman will run Year 1 and Year 2 (Key Stage 1) as she has done this year, Mrs Brayshaw will run Year 3 and Year 4 class (Lower Key Stage Two) and Mr Paton will have Year 5 and Year 6 class (Upper Key Stage Two)

The library in the attic is up and running—space has been made for interventions and meetings. Our Year 6 classroom is being turned into a computer suite over the next couple of weeks so school will look quite different for a week or so until we get used to it.



Bearder Poetry Festival

Year 6 were part of a much loved Calderdale event on Wednesday. To make up for not being able to attend the Cool Book Competition, we enrolled them for the Bearder Poetry Festival and they zoomed

with 7 other schools to meet and work with Paul Lyalls. Paul once delivered his poetry on a London bus as part of a poetry for the masses project. He was funny and inspiring. A real treat for the Year 6 children on a wet Wednesday morning. See our website for a sample of the poems the children wrote.

Ofsted report

Does anyone remember the 10th March? Well we had two Ofsted inspectors in school. If you follow the link on our website you will come to our Ofsted report. We are pleased to report that we have retained our "Good" status. The inspectors were particularly impressed by the wide range of activities we provide that focus on personal and social development, our well organised curriculum for reading development, from early reading in the EYFS to the depth of fluency and comprehension at KS2. They were also very complimentary regarding our children's positive attitudes to learning and commented that "the culture of the school is one of tolerance, acceptance and kindness."

And there's more...

MacMillan Coffee

Morning won't go ahead as normal but we are hoping to do some kind of cake related fundraiser for this charity—they'll be in touch with us over the summer.

Lockdown art

We are hoping to print out all your wonderful art submissions and display them in the hall and around school from September so that any magnificent pieces that were missed can be seen by everyone.



Final call from the office.....

www.coolmilk.com are providing milk—under 5s are free then 22p per carton for everyone else—sign up directly with them to start in September.