



Micklefield C.E. (C) Primary... 'a GOOD school', Ofsted 2013

Newsletter



Autumn themes: New beginnings and Faith (Trust)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3 v5

23rd October 2015

Parents' Evenings

Thanks to staff, parents, pupils and governors for two positive Parents' Evenings this week. Everyone who spoke with me was pleased with their children's progress and satisfied that they felt happy and safe in school. Don't forget that it's not necessary to wait for the annual questionnaire we hand out at the Spring Parents' Evenings, you are able to share your views or make suggestions at any time by emailing office@micklefieldceprimary.co.uk; speaking to a class teacher, to me in the playground or talking to a school governor.

Themes and values

Our SEAL theme this half-term has been **new beginnings**. Everyone in school has been trying to:

- help to make people feel welcome
- overcome a fear
- solve a difficult problem
- know how to calm themselves down when things are difficult

We have had plenty of nominations and certificates awarded to children who have been spotted achieving these targets. Hopefully you have seen some of these at home too!

Caring for others

Thank you to all those who have sent donations for our fundraising this half-term, through Jeans for Genes and the Harvest Festival gifts.

The Silver Snake

Our Silver Snake has grown and grown and almost fills two jars now. When we return to school, it will be the last week you can dispose of your small change. Please send in any 5p, 10p, 20p or 50p coins. We will be taking it up to church to see how far it stretches before we send the money off to the centre for Syrian refugees. The money will only go to those who lost their homes and possessions when they had to take their families to safety away from the fighting in Syria.

Remembrance Day

Poppies and poppy-related items (prices are 20p, 50p and £1) will be on sale from the first day back until we go up to St. Mary's Church on **Thursday 12th November** for our Remembrance Service. Father David extends a warm welcome to everyone to join us for the service at 10.30 am.

Hook Moor Wind Farm

Whatever your views on the wind farm, you can't have missed seeing it appear quite suddenly as a backdrop to the village. We hired a minibus and took the children up to see the first turbine being constructed up at Hook Moor. It was the wettest day for a long time and we were all soaked, but it was the chance of a lifetime to see such a large-scale event on our doorstep. The five turbines should be operational in December; we should have the opportunity to visit for a closer look sometime in the spring.

There was a 100m exclusion zone in operation round the crane when we were there, but we could see the generator being hoisted to the top while we were watching.

Themed week

Our themed week and parents' assembly this half-term were centred on celebrating the music, arts and Christianity of different cultures. If you managed to attend school for your child's parent consultation appointment, you will have seen the lovely art work in the middle of school, in the classrooms and the related work in the children's books. We had another visit from the drama team 'Moving Words' who worked with each class on people from Black History, through poetry and movement. Each class performed for the whole school at the end of the day.

Well done!

A big well done to all of our children and parents this half term for your efforts with being on time, being here every day, wearing the correct uniform, having PE kit every day and a clean water bottle. You will have seen how hard the children have been working from looking at their books and I can tell you that they have also been trying really hard with their **behaviour for learning** which means good listening, following instructions the first time and generally being wide awake and enthusiastic to learn...every minute of the day. Thank you for your support with reading at home, homework and learning those tricky times tables. Don't forget to keep up the learning during the half-term break, but I hope that you will have the opportunity to relax together too.

Playground fun before and after school

Just a reminder that children are not allowed to play in the lower playground or the Family Unit playground before or after school, in case of accidents. Also, the gates are open for everyone to enter and leave the playground, so please be aware of the whereabouts of your child/children at all times.

PARKING

- It is illegal to park on the yellow zigzags outside school and very dangerous for our children.
- Please don't obstruct our neighbours' drives.
- Please, either park further away, in the Blands Arms' car park...or walk to school.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

Dates for your diary:

November

Monday 2nd School starts

Wednesday 4th Dayspring Church visit

Thursday 5th October: Orthodox priest visit

Thursday 12th November: Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Church 10.30

Friday 13th December Children in Need Day – dressing up as childhood heroes; **FOM bun sale**

Wednesday 18th: Parents' Open morning

December

Thursday 3rd: Assembly visitor

Friday 11th: FOM Christmas mini-fair

Monday 14th: Family Unit performance 1.30pm

Tuesday 15th: Family Unit performance 9.30am

Wednesday 16th: Class 2 performance 1.30

Thursday 17th: Christingle Carol Service at St. Mary's Church 9.30

Friday 18th: Child of achievement assembly in school 9am