

Singing Club : Mr Barraclough's after school singing club on Thursdays is postponed until after February half term. As part of his teacher training, Mr Barraclough has to do a short placement at another school and he is currently at Hoyland Common. In return we welcome Miss Carrington from that school for 6 weeks and she is based with Mrs Helliwell in class two.

Children staying in at playtimes : It is school policy that all children should go outside at playtimes to receive the benefits of fresh air, exercise, a chance to play with their friends and also a change of scenery.

We have had a couple of letters from parents asking if their child could stay in at playtimes because they have a cold ~ the answer to which is no both for all the reasons above plus the health and safety fact that there is no-one to supervise your child inside as staff are all busy or in the staffroom.

We will only consider requests for staying in if accompanied by a doctor's note giving valid reasons. If you consider your child to be too ill to be outside then perhaps they are too ill to be in school in the first place? Many thanks for your understanding.

2010 SATS : The government have changed the Y6 Sats for 2010 slightly and in case you don't already have the information here is the timetable for next May 2010:

Monday 10th May : English Reading Test

Tuesday 11th May : English spelling and writing tests

Wednesday 12th May : Mental Maths and Test paper A

Thursday 13th May : Maths Test B

Friday 14th May : Science sampling tests (for selected pupils/ schools)

It is vital that all class 6 attend each day that week as the tests cannot be taken at any other time. Science SATS have been scrapped but 25% of all schools will be sent 'sampling tests' just to keep us on our toes!

There are countless websites to help children of all ages and a few of them are listed below for you to explore ~ happy surfing!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize>

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforki>

<http://www.aplusmath.com>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>

(Many more links on our school website in the 'links' drop down menu.)



Friends News

Lucky Squares ~ There are still numbers available. If anyone can take them into a place of work please see a member of the friends. The draw will only take place when all the numbers are sold.

Childrens Party: Brighten up a gloomy January afternoon? Fancy a boogie? Meet your friends? Refreshments and tuck shop? Then come along to the Holy Rood Party on Saturday 23rd January. 3.30pm until 5.30pm at the Church Hall. Pay on the Door. £1.50 per child, under 3's free. Invitations going out this week. Bring a friend!

Snow Pictures : There are a few pictures of a snowy Holy Rood on the school web site and on display in school. If you have any you'd like us to see such as snowmen your family may have made then please send them in either prints (non returnable) or email. Many thanks!



First Holy Communion Meeting : A reminder that the meeting we had arranged for Thursday 21st January at 6.30 p.m. has been cancelled and the information communicated to parents involved by letter. This is because of church refurbishments but Enrolment on Sunday 24th January remains unaffected.

Headlice : There has been an incident of headlice in school and we would be grateful if you could carefully check your child's hair and take the appropriate remedies in the event of finding any lice. Nit combs and further advice are available from Josie Green in school or you can visit your chemist. The web site below also contains a lot of useful information. Many thanks.

www.headlice.org

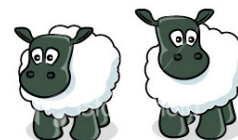
Cold weather clothing : A reminder if one were needed about the importance of sending your child to school with enough warm clothing for if they are outside at playtimes ~ currently even daytime temperatures are sub-zero so a warm winter coat, scarf, gloves, hat, etc would be much appreciated by a frozen child!

Bags 2 School : We have re-arranged the collection of blue bags until **Friday 29th January** when hopefully the weather will be kinder to delivery drivers!

Joke for the Week!

'What do sheep do on sunny days?'

{have a baa-baa-cue!}



Thank you for reading this newsletter, John Gregson