



## Upcoming Dates

14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Planetarium visiting school  
w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Topic Week  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last Day of Term

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – First day back  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day (*details nearer the time*)

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first couple of weeks back after the Christmas holidays have been very busy. As you know, there has been many cases of Covid across school with pupils and staff testing positive and this has proved difficult at times to ensure that school operates as normal as possible. We have done all we can to try and contain cases but with the Omicron variant being highly infectious, this has been challenging. We are hoping that things settle down soon and we can resume some normality in the near future, fingers crossed. Despite the disruptions, the children have begun their new term of learning with their usual enthusiasm and are producing some pleasing results.

The children have named our new school budgie Sherbet after a vote during whole school virtual assemblies. The children are able to take Sherbet home at the weekends and during the holidays to be looked after. She has already enjoyed her first weekend with one of our families and has more booked. If you would like to look after Sherbet for a weekend or during the holidays, then please contact the school office and they will book you in.



We have made some improvements in school and have more planned. Archie, our school dog, has a new area for the children to visit and carry out the important dog mentor sessions, to support everyone to access school fully.

We have also had a large world map in the corridor outside the office; this is a teaching tool for all classes to use.



Thank you for your ongoing support during this challenging time for everyone.

Take care and stay safe.

*Kirsty Hutchinson*

## Recommended Reads

### **Gigantosaurus by Jonny Duddle (Age 4 - 6)**

The Gigantosaurus is the most scariest and fearsome dinosaur that every roamed the land.....or that is what bonehead and his friends thought. In this book the dinosaur friends play together whilst keeping an eye out for the Gigantosaurus, just as their mum's warned them. This is a great story with good rhyme and rhythm that makes story reading fun and easy to join in with. It has great illustrations and an interesting section at the back with information about the various types of dinosaurs. I would recommend this story to all EYFS and Key stage 1 children. I hope you enjoy the tale of Bonehead and his friends just as much as I did!



### **The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd (Age 9+)**

Mrs Ruddock and Miss Hall recommend this book for Year 5 and Year 6 children. The plot is a great mystery! Ted and his sister Kat decide to take their cousin Salim on the London Eye before he flies to New York with his mum. Whilst in the queue a man comes up to them and offers them his ticket, saying he's chickened out at the last minute as he doesn't like heights. Ted and Kat let Salim have the ticket as they've already been on the eye. They wave to Salim as he boards and then wait for him. But as his pod returns, he doesn't get off, so where is he... This is a really great read that I couldn't put down! If you get chance to read it, come and tell me what you think! Mrs Ruddock



## PTFA request

The PTFA are collecting full sized glass jam jars for an upcoming fundraising initiative (*not the mini ones*). If you have any empty clean jam jars that you are able to donate, please hand them to your child's class teacher over the coming weeks. Thank you. (PS we don't need the lids)



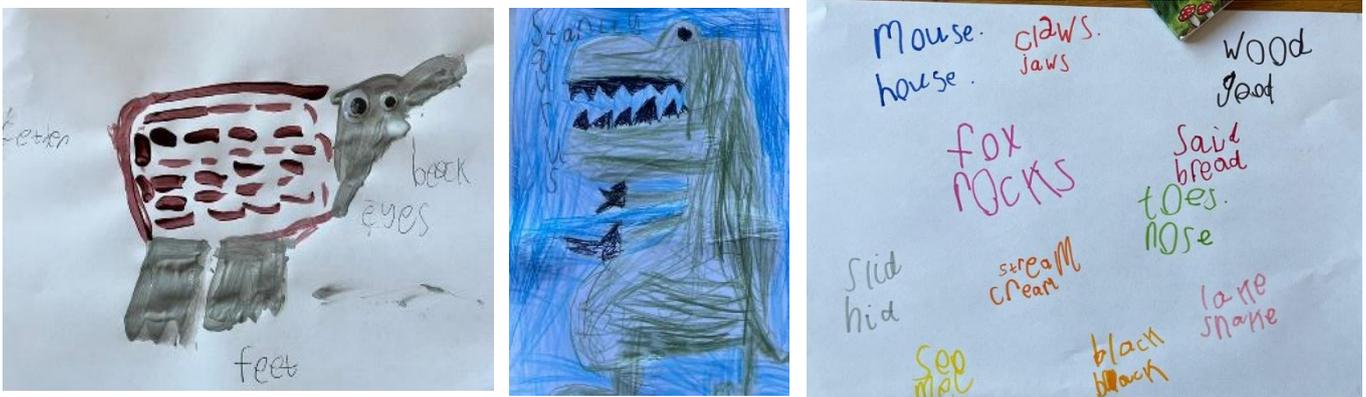
## Reception update

The children in Reception have really enjoyed learning about space. They had a themed space morning to explore their interests including designing rockets, creating representations of what we might see in space using the iPad and creating observational drawings of different planets. They have also been using their designing skills in the construction area to build and create different

models. They have been focusing on labelling their work and explaining why they have used certain materials for a particular purpose.

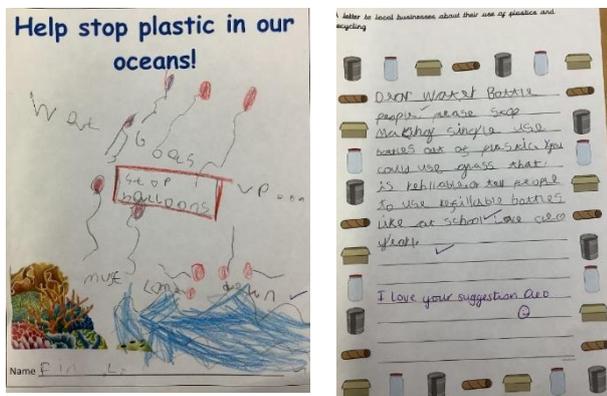


Some of our children have been isolating but have kept extremely busy with some wonderful activities including, drawing and labelling, writing, retelling stories and fantastic maths. We wanted to share their wonderful work as we are so proud of them!



### Year 1 update

In Year One we have focused in on Goal 14 of Life below water and exploring what happens in our oceans after litter and plastics are disposed of. We read a true story about plastics in our oceans, and the effects on Marine life. After reading this story we decided that we wanted to help stop plastic in our oceans! We created posters, wrote letters, and created artwork to display in the corridor to share our findings. We are all becoming much more aware of single use plastics and the lasting effects of it.



Fire engine visit - Year 1 also had a visit from a Fire Engine to tie in with their Great Fire of London topic. They had so much fun having a tour of the Fire Engine, sounding the siren, and squirting the hose. They also learnt about fire safety.



## Year 4 update

Year 4 have had a busy month. In science they have been learning about different states of matter, the children pretended to be particles to demonstrate the differences between solids, liquids and gases. In PE they have been doing yoga which required the children to focus and stretch their bodies. For their topic day they covered Zero Hunger from the Global Goals. First, they found out what this meant, who it effected and what can be done to help. The children were shocked to see that it affects people where they live, as well as all over the World.

As part of the School Linking Project, Year 4 received Christmas cards from the children at Horton Park and this month Year 4 have written back to them, answering some of their questions.



## Year 5 update

For their topic day, Year 5 learnt about Global Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation. They were given 'raw sewage' which they had to clean using a choice of equipment. They also discussed how to help children from poorer countries who had to travel up to 4km to collect dirty water for drinking and cleaning. They designed a water collection device for their village.

In Science Year 5 have been learning about the properties of materials. They planned and set up an investigation to find the best material to insulate a lunch box. They added ice cubes to the different containers wrapped in their chosen materials and then took regular readings of the temperature to see which material would keep their food the coolest.



## Year 6 update

Year 6 have been learning all about their digestive system and have been experimenting using tights! They had a great time making poo which they obviously found hilarious and disgusting at the same time! Aren't our bodies wonderful!



On Wednesday 12 January, Year 6 visited the Jorvik Centre in York and also 'the Dig' to find out all about the Vikings, who settled in York (Jorvik) all those years ago. The children had a fantastic time and were really well behaved.



# COMMUNITY SECTION

## Harden Gala Committee



The Harden Gala Committee are once again on the lookout for an aspiring artist to design the front cover for the Harden Gala Programmes which will be bought by people attending the annual Harden Gala. The design would need to be A5, colourful, incorporate the gala atmosphere and have "Harden Gala Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022" on it. The closing date is the 11<sup>th</sup> of March and a winner will be chosen, and their design will be featured on the front page of the gala programme. There will also be prizes for 2 runners up. Please hand entries to your child's class teacher before 11<sup>th</sup> March. <https://hardengala.co.uk/>

## Jimmy's School of Martial Arts

Jimmy's School of Martial Arts would like to invite everyone at Harden Primary School to take advantage of our **FREE trial sessions**. The sessions are for all ages at our permanent club at Dixon's Cottingley Academy.

Jimmy's School of Martial Arts specialise in Jiu-Jitsu and Judo giving your child a wide range of skills whilst offering a safe and comfortable environment to train in. All clubs are membership only and places may be limited.

There are many benefits to our memberships such as lessons, Gi's (uniform), insurance, gradings, belts etc. **all included** in the price. However, come down and take your free trial sessions and find out more about our membership offers.

### YOUR CHILD HAS GAINED

### 2 FREE SESSIONS!! :

**DIXON'S COTTINGLEY ACADEMY**

Cottingley New Road

Bingley

Bradford

BD16 1TZ

(\*Choose a class time below that suits you)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> JAN – 5:00 – 6:00pm (All Ages)  
6:00 – 7:00pm (All Ages)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> JAN – 5:00 – 6:00pm (All Ages)  
6:00 – 7:00pm (All Ages)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> FEB – 5:00 – 6:00pm (All Ages)  
6:00 – 7:00pm (All Ages)

Other dates are available, give us a call to discuss.

(Wear something comfortable i.e. PE Kit)  
TO RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE FOR THEIR FREE CLASSES PLEASE  
CALL NOW ON:  
07949082522

If you require any more [information](#) please do not hesitate to either call us or alternatively email us at  
07949082522

[jimmyagji@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jimmyagji@hotmail.co.uk)

## Free Tree for kids

Bradford Council's Tree for Every Child (TfEC) project is offering free takeaway trees at Keighley's Cliffe Castle on Saturday, 29 January.

The stall will be open from 10am to 1pm by the castle's main entrance. People can choose from Silver Birch, Downy Birch, Scotch Pine and Crab Apple varieties to plant in their gardens.

Takeaway trees are one of the four ways in which the TfEC project is fulfilling its target to plant 55,000 trees, the equivalent of one tree per primary school child over a four-year period. The project is also planting woodland, school orchards and native trees on school grounds. So far approximately 26,000 trees have been planted.



## Bright Stars @ Harden Holiday Club

### A CHILDCARE CLUB FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Ofsted certified. This business is owned and run by Mel Murley  
(former Manageress of Harden Pre School)

A holiday club for all school aged children with some spaces for  
children aged 2-4 years

Venue: Harden Primary School Hall

Hours: Flexible from 7.30-5.30pm with the option of half days

Activities will include: Craft Workshops, Sports and Athletics,  
Outdoor Nature Trips/Walks, Museum and Cinema Outings, Animal  
Visits, Cycling/Cycling Proficiency, First Aid Training, Gardening,  
Board Games, Sewing/Knitting Workshops, Lego Club, Dance and  
Baking.

For more information or to BOOK NOW email:

[hardenholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:hardenholidayclub@gmail.com)

We accept childcare vouchers

Please note: This holiday club is not associated or operated by Harden Primary  
School. The premises are being used solely as a venue.



I am a childminder based in Harden. I offer a friendly  
caring environment, where children have the opportunity  
to thrive and learn.

- Welcoming home environment.
- Over 15 years childcare experience including 8 years with children of special educational needs.
- Qualified to Level 4 in Children's Learning and Development.
- Healthy home cooked meals.
- Ofsted registered with a grading of GOOD.
- All year round childcare and holiday care.
- Drop off and pick up from Harden Primary School and Harden Pre-School.
- I also provide 2 - 4 year old Early Educational Funding.

For more information please contact Jane on:  
07896 670086 or [janeschildmingservice@hotmail.com](mailto:janeschildmingservice@hotmail.com)

## Bingley Spring Half Term 2022 Multi Sports Camp & Activity Day

Organised and led by Coach Gunn providing **ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ Harden Primary School (BD16 1LJ)

### Timings, Ages & Cost...

9am-4pm with  
FREE 8am-5pm  
extended hours

Open to  
Reception to Y8  
Boys & Girls  
(Ages 4-13)

FULL DAY @ £20  
HALF DAY @ £12  
(9am-12:30pm /  
12:30pm-4pm)



### Sports & activities include...

Multi Sports  
FUN GAMES  
NERF  
Indoor Climbing  
Frame & Obstacle  
Course  
Lego  
Let's Craft  
...plus lots more  
fun & creative  
games

JOIN THE TEAM... Young Aspiring Sports Leaders (ages 13-17) placements available

The day will make the most of Harden Primary School's fantastic indoor & outdoor spaces featuring an action packed day filled with the children's favourite activities in a safe & secure environment encouraging ALL attending children to make the most of each day having #FUNwithFriendsAtCamp.

For further information or to make a booking please Coach Gunn at [coachmarkgunn@gmail.com](mailto:coachmarkgunn@gmail.com)

'Coach Gunn Basketball'



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