

Prep School Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2019

PPC House Points of the Week



Winning Class: 3P with 91 points

Winning House: Howsons with 81 points

Winning Pupil: William H with 21 points

Headteacher's Award

**Well done to the following pupils,
who were given Headteacher's
Award certificates
this week.**

**Ed P, Jack T, Antonio E, Tom W,
Cian T, Olivia M, Musa S, Nuor A,
India R, Shaima K, Marina V, Darcy
T, Bethan L-Q, Alea M, Gabby S,
Oscar F, Alex Y & William H.**



Thank you to our parents for helping make bike club possible. We had a great start Tuesday and Miss Robinson is already looking forward to them all bringing their bikes

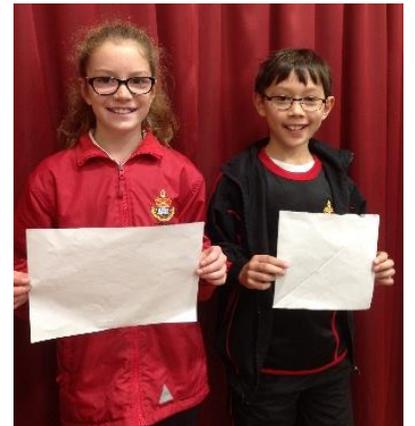
in again for the club on Tuesday.

All pupils can now wear the summer uniform. If wearing the L uniform they must still wear a school tie. All information regarding the summer school uniform can be found on the school website.



Maths word of the week - brought to you by Elinor G and James H

This weeks' word of the week:



Hexagon

An interesting fact is that many people use hexagon tiles in shops, bars, restaurants because hexagons tessellate. So hexagon tiles tessellate well and look good.

The reason why they tessellate is because in a regular hexagon the internal angles are a factor of 360... therefore 3 can be placed together at vertices.

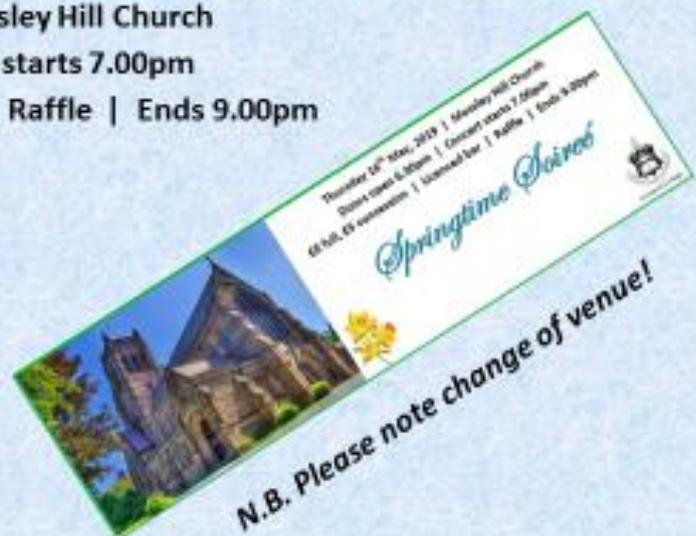
The Music Dept. presents its annual

Springtime Soirée

Thursday 16th May, 2019 | Mossley Hill Church
 Doors open 6.30pm | Concert starts 7.00pm
 £8 full, £5 concession | Licenced bar | Raffle | Ends 9.00pm

Tickets available for purchase from
Monday 29th April
 From Upper & Prep School offices.

*N.B. we would be grateful if payment
 could be made with the correct cash.*



Weekly Class Attendance and Punctuality Awards

Class	Attendance %		Punctuality %	
3R	100	😊	100	😊
3Q	100	😊	100	😊
3P	98.8	😊	98.8	😊
4P	95.7	😞	95.1	😞
4Q	96.3	😞	96.3	😞
5P	96.3	😞	96.3	😞
5Q	89.3	😞	89.3	😞
6Q	100	😊	100	😊
6P	95.1	😞	95.1	😞

Well done to 6Q, 3Q & 3R Form for the best attendance this week with 100%! Keep up the good work, as we want all of our 'Mr and Mrs Potato Heads' to be clothed!

A full Summer 2019 term calendar has been emailed to parents and is available on the website

- Mon 29 April Year 3 trip to Barnstondale
- Thurs 2 May Prep Team & Form photographs
- Fri 3 May U11 & U11 Cricket & Rounders v Rydal (H)



Over the Easter holidays, Mrs Shackell and Mr Stamper (and some press ganged family members!) spent a few days preparing the area for our Forest School outdoor classroom. We raked the fire circle area and laid plans for our focal fire pit site, we cleared litter, collected unused and discarded items to re-cycle in our space (tyres, bricks, boxes) and selected some suitable seating from tree stumps from a felled tree to make our fire circle. This will be the gathering and social area for all of the sessions.

We spent the afternoon raking over the path and lining it with logs for a clear and safe entrance to the area. Our caretaker, Paul, has spent time laying down wood chippings along the path and it looks fantastic!

We have also applied for and been awarded, 250 saplings to plant under the "Free trees for schools" project from the Woodland Trust. We will take delivery in November and a planting schedule (all hands to the pump) can be in place!! This will be superb for our children to be involved.

UNVEILING: Today, then, we took our group 1 Forest Schoolers down to The Dell to show them the wonder of their new classroom. The smell of garlic assaulted our nostrils as we approached the site and the pure shock on their faces was a picture I wish I'd captured!! They were so excited!! They took their seats around our fire circle and we chatted about how different the space was now and the exciting times ahead.

There was no structure to today's session, just the wonderful feeling of anticipation to get started and explore.

We spent some valuable time discussing safety rules and returning to the circle when called, what plants to look out for: in particular nettles (more on that in a bit)....and the requirement for each child to feel "safe" in this space, physically of course, but also socially and emotionally. Unkind words and deeds are not accepted, only coaching each other and encouragement, along with helpful hints on improvement. We are getting to know each other across the year groups. We also have the opportunity to sit quietly and look about us, listen and feel the beauty of nature, as a few of our children did.

We took down flasks of hot water and made hot chocolate and shared marshmallows, although there were some complaints about the chocolate which were met with Mrs Shackell's reply, "It's not a café!!!!"....they did however devour the marshmallows!!

We gathered back together at the end of our session and talked briefly about how we felt about today. Words were used like: relaxed, calm, peaceful, amazed, excited. We heard comments such as "Who knew Forest School would be this much fun?" "This is the best thing I've ever done!"

During activity time we had another group of children eager to explore our new outdoor haven, we did exactly the same things with them, safety, behaviour, chocolate ("It's not a café!") etc, and we are overwhelmed by the appreciation each child

has for this opportunity to be outdoors learning.

At the end of the activity session, we actually counted in the rain... "3 - 2 - 1!" and the heavens opened!!!!!! Perfect!!

And so we come to the important issue of clothing and footwear. Parents, we love your support and count on it, so it's imperative now that we are in the woods, that the correct clothing is worn. There are nettles in the woods, we cannot get rid of them. The children have all been briefed today, whether involved in Forest School as a lesson or Activity, if they do not have the correct clothing they will not be allowed to join in.

They MUST wear:

Long tracksuit (no shorts) their legs must be covered.

Tracksuit top and have a waterproof school coat.

PE top

Either: trainers, walking boots or wellies.

A hat, for when it's sunny, and sun cream, which they should be able to apply themselves.

Please enjoy these fab pics of both Group 1 and the first Activities session today...



Important notice : Due to a nut allergy please ensure that your child does not bring any snacks containing nuts to Barnstondale. Do not bring sweets as they can be purchased in the tuck shop. Please bring a water bottle.

All medicine to be brought to Mrs Pease before 8:30am on Monday morning.



Thank you again for your support, we couldn't do it without you!!

**PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL
KIT/UNIFORM IS NAMED THIS
WEEKEND**

We have rather a lot of lost property in the lost property box.

Lauren F has lost her named sports jacket.



**Park safely
Park legally
Park considerately**

Consider walking part of the way to school or share the school run with other parents

... meaning fewer cars at the school entrance

... making it safer for you and your children.

Best wishes to you all for a good weekend!
Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep