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Heptonstall
Junior, Infant and
Nursery School

Newsletter



Road Closure

Many of you will no doubt have seen a sign just down the cobbles from school (opposite the house that they have been refurbishing for a while).

Apparently the road is to be closed all week next week. I am rather disappointed (to say the least) that the utility company involved has not had the courtesy to consult with – or at least officially notify – the school of this closure. I will be contacting them.

Yellow Bus have informed us that due to this they will not be serving our school next week. We have informed the parents of children who use this service.

If you drive your children to school you will need to come up Lee Wood/Draper Lane way (this is actually a safer and better way anyway)!

PFA

The first meeting of the new school year will take place at 7:30pm next Friday 28th September at my house: 1 Royd Mount, Heptonstall Road. Please come along as it is a great opportunity to meet everyone and to get involved with raising money for the school.

Pippa Laverick, PFA
Chairwoman



There But Not There



Hopefully many of you will have noticed the two Perspex figures ("Tommies") "sitting" on the bench outside our school main entrance.

They are part of the *There But Not There* scheme which is happening all over the UK. *There But Not There* is a centenary commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 war, installed where the men and women came from across the country, back in the communities they left behind.

This project aims to **Commemorate, Educate and Heal** – the three aims of the charity.

Commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour.

To **Educate** all generations, particularly today's younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.

Heal today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising substantial funds through sales of the figures.

Funds raised from the sale of the figures will contribute directly to the work carried out by the charities below.

The Royal Foundation's Armed Forces Programme; The Commonwealth War Graves Foundation; Walking With The Wounded; Combat Stress; Help for Heroes.

The Tommies are made by the Royal British Legion Industries, appropriately, by ex-Service Veterans employed by RBLI.

It is my understanding that 17 men and women from Heptonstall were lost during World War 1. I am doing some further research into this.

20/20 Vision

As promised last week, please see below the term dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020. This is the first time you will have had these. The dates for this year were repeated on last week's Newsletter– please don't get them mixed up!

As mentioned last week I am unable to authorise term time absences expect in exceptional circumstances so please make every effort to take family holidays during school closure periods.

| Holiday | School closes | School opens |
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| | | Wednesday 4th September |
| October half term | Thursday 24th October | Monday 4th November |
| Christmas | Friday 20th December | Monday 6th January |
| February half term | Friday 14th February | Monday 24th February |
| Easter | Friday 3rd April | Monday 20th April |
| Spring bank | Friday 22nd May | Monday 1st June |
| Summer | Friday 17th July | |

Team Point Treat For Buttress & Weavers

Children in the above teams are due a "treat" for finishing top in our collective school Dojo points in the last term. The children have chosen "An afternoon using the PE equipment".

This will take place next Friday afternoon. Therefore there will NOT be a Good Work Assembly on this day (28th September). The next one (after today) will be on Friday October 5th.

European Assemblies

Next Wednesday 26th September is the European Day of languages 2018. This year, each class will be looking at the work of a particular European artist during that week (and learning such things as "colours" in that particular language).

Class 1 – Russia (Kandinsky)

Class 2 – Portuguese Tile Mosaics (Various Artists)

Class 3 – Italy (Leonardo Da Vinci)

Class 4 – Spain (Miro/Picasso)

The stories in assembly will also have a "European theme". One of the In/out assembly songs will be from the Italian singer Claudio Baglioni. One of my best friends from school – Steve – was Italian and his mum used to listen to this singer a lot! I can't listen to one of his songs now without being transported back to Steve's house on King Cross Road or on our month long "Inter-rail" trip around Italy (scrounging off all his relatives!) along with my other good friend Darrel once we had finished our "A" levels in the summer of 1982.

The chosen lyric is from the song Amore Bello (with my attempt at a translation – my apologies for any errors to at least one of our families who speak Italian!)

Amore Bello come il cielo
(Beautiful love like the sky)
Bello come il giorno
(Beautiful like the day)
Bello come il mare, amore...
(Beautiful like the sea, love)
Ma non lo so dire...
(But I don't know what to say)



Click on the picture of me and Steve (outside my childhood home in Warley) to hear it!



(Lake Como, Italy, July 1982. Steve in the middle – he now teaches English at Tamagawa University in Japan, then me (with hair – and flat stomach!) and Darrel – now a professor of Geology at Newcastle University. We are still in touch.)