

5 October 2018

Heptonstall
Junior, Infant and
Nursery School

Newsletter

STOP PRESS!!!
St Thomas' next
Sunday at 9.15 am
will be the annual pet
service. Children,
parents and pets all
welcome!

Parents' Evening



A reminder that our Parents Evening for classes 2-4 for the Autumn term is on Thursday 18th October (3.45pm – 6.00pm and 6.30pm – 7.30pm)

Sign-up sheets will be available in the school office from Monday next week.

For parents of children in Class 1 please see/contact Miss Dodd for a mutually convenient time to meet (not necessarily on this date).

Walking On Fire!



Nikki (Heath and Leo's mum) and Jo (Noah's mum) are doing a sponsored fire walk (walking across burning coals in bare feet!) for Overgate Hospice, Elland on October 13th.

'Overgate Hospice provides free palliative and end of life care to adults suffering from life limiting illness in Calderdale and offers support to family and friends.'

They would be really grateful for any sponsorships, please let either of them know if you would like to do so. They also have Just Giving Pages at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/NikkiHarvey02>

https://www.justgiving.com/Jo-Ruane?utm_id+26



Give Us 5!

As you may recall, a routine food hygiene inspection in May 2018 highlighted the need to carry out maintenance to part of the wall covering behind the oven in the school kitchen and to update monitoring policies in line with current legislation. This meant the school's food hygiene rating dropped to two out of five.

All the work highlighted in the report was carried out immediately and a kitchen consultant was employed to bring us up to date with current legislation and record keeping.

I am delighted to tell you that last week the kitchen was re-inspected by Calderdale Environmental Health and we have now been regraded once again with a five star rating.



My thanks to all the staff involved – especially Mr Goldstraw and also to Matt Simpson our Kitchen Consultant.

1914-1918 Log Books

Here is the second extract in a short Newsletter series between now and November 11th that I began last week (see last week's Newsletter for more details).

This week we get a fascinating insight to the curriculum (and society's values at the time) especially relating to girls' education:

November 10th 1915: *Owing to the fact that Miss Smithson has to take all the needlework, the lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays have to be taken in a different order to that shown on the timetable.*

Singing is also taken on Monday morning from 11.30 to 12 in consequence of several girls attending laundry classes at Hebden Bridge centre in the afternoon.

It's probably best I don't comment this week!



In Memory Of...

Again see last week's Newsletter for information about this short Newsletter series:

James Sutcliffe Shackleton

Lieutenant, Duke Of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment.

Killed in action 16th April 1917 aged 37 years.

James Shackleton was educated at Heptonstall School and later at Bradford Grammar School. The Shackleton family home was Slatering in Heptonstall and his father owned the Hebden Bridge textile firm Shackleton and Co.

James Shackleton married Jessie Emma Andrews and they went on to live at Caldene Avenue, Mytholmroyd.

James went to the front in January 1917 and was killed three months later. He is buried in H. A. C Cemetery, Ecooust-St Mein France and had a memorial service at Mytholmroyd Church.

He is commemorated on the St Thomas' Church WW1 memorial and also on the St Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd memorial.



Book-ish Assemblies

Next week is National Libraries week so we will be celebrating this in our assemblies with the theme of "Books and Libraries".

You may recall that last year my son Sam got a job at Oldham library. I know some of you like to hear how my son Sam is doing. Well he is going from strength to strength and as well as being an excellent and very organised "book sorter" he is also getting involved in some of the groups they have there such as Toddler Time and Bumps and Babies! He absolutely loves it. We are very proud of him.

One of the In/out songs will be The Book Of My Life by Sting and the chosen lyric is:

*Though the pages are numbered
I can't see where they lead
For the end is a mystery no-one can read
In the book of my life*

Click on the photo of my Sam hard at work to hear it!

