



Good Luck Miss Smith!



Our teaching student in Class 2, Miss

Smith, leaves us today after completing a very successful placement with us.

We wish all the best for the rest of her course at University and once she begins her teaching career.

Easter Wishes



A reminder we finish for the Easter break at the end of school on Thursday (29th March) next week (as Friday next week is "Good Friday"). There will – obviously - not be a Good Work Assembly next week nor will there be a Newsletter.

As this is therefore the last time I will be writing to you before the Easter break can I on behalf of all of us at Heptonstall School wish all readers of this Newsletter a very Happy Easter.

School returns on Monday 16th April.

Mrs Marney..25 Years!



Today in our Good Work Assembly Mrs Marney will be presented with a Calderdale LA Long Service Award.

Mrs Marney started at Heptonstall School on the 22nd August 1992 and therefore at the end of the last school year she achieved 25 years of service.

This is a wonderful achievement and I am sure many of you have lots of reasons to thank Mrs Marney for all she has done for your children whilst they were - or are- here.

She is a member of staff that made me feel welcome from day one as she does to all visitors to our school and the

children simply adore her. She is an extremely valued member of our staff.

Going back a couple of years I received an email from a parent which I think beautifully encapsulates all that is wonderful about Mrs Marney.

I have managed to get permission from the parent to include those words here: (names of the children have been removed!)

*I think Mrs Marney is a great teacher and I couldn't be happier that she is teaching * and * and she has been a part of * too. She is a great addition to that school and I'm very proud of the fact she is teaching my children. My children speak very highly of her and I think she is really, really great. She helps me with every problem I have and she is always there for a chat when needed. She really does make my day and it makes it so much easier dropping * off with her because she did have issues with me leaving her and being away from me. Now she is happy getting dropped off and I do believe it's all down to Mrs Marney and her making her feel welcome and comfortable. And she always comes out with a massive smile when I pick her up. So thank you very much she really is a credit to your school and I hope so stays for a very long time.*



I am sure we all echo that last sentence – I hope Mrs Marney does indeed stay with us for a very long time – who knows - maybe another 25 years?!

Mrs Marney, you are a gem. We are lucky to have you.

Yorkshire Discounts!



Tonight your children will be bringing home a booklet from yorkshireattractions.org full of vouchers to hopefully save you some money on family fun during the Easter break and beyond!

Spring Lamb Competition

After Easter we will be holding a “Name the Spring Lamb” competition in aid of the Leeds Children's Transplant Team (Charity Number : 5M97)



The charities key functions are to raise awareness of the need for organ donation and celebrate life. As many of you will be aware one of our pupils and his family continue to greatly benefit from their support

A (real!) lamb will come to our assembly the first Monday morning back after the Easter holiday -16th April and afterwards have a “tour” round the classes.

A board with 100 different lamb name suggestions will be brought into school.

The children for “50p” can choose one of the names from the board that they think *might* be the (pre-chosen) name of the lamb. For the first week back we will limit this to one go per child (to ensure every child has a chance to have a turn).

For the second week, if there are any names remaining, children can have as many guesses as they (or you!) are prepared to pay for!

The lambs actual name – and the winner of the competition will be announced in our first Good Work Assembly after Easter on Friday 27th April (there will be no Good Work Assembly the first week back).

A small “Lamb themed hamper” will be given to child that correctly names the lamb.



Cross in Assemblies

Next week the theme of our assemblies is “Easter” (no surprise there!). Mr Calvert will be in on Monday morning to start our Easter theme off.

The In/Out song will be “The Old Rugged Cross” and I have chosen the Alan Jackson version of this:

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share



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