



News at BPS

19 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our commitment to providing a broad and balanced curriculum has been exemplified this week. From Shakespeare to our 'Three Faiths' visit, Lion learners to Honey the Reading Dog, the week has been full of memories. In addition, it was wonderful to see our now (not so) new Reception children confidently singing along at our Harvest Festivals. All our speakers spoke clearly and confidently to a packed hall of over 100 parents. Many thanks for your generous gifts too. We raised over £300 for our chosen charity (Mind) and collected hundreds of tins, all of which will be taken to St George's Crypt and used in cooking or to make food parcels.

This week we also had our first parent forum of the year and discussed (among other things) our new website (<https://www.bramhopeprimary.co.uk/>), the usefulness of the curriculum information evening, the development of music lessons and initial plans for further improving the sporting facilities on our school site. As you will know, I would like to have a running track around the two football pitches but am also keen to seek funding for other outdoor projects. I will be holding a meeting after half term to hear parent's views on possible projects so please do come along if you are interested in finding out more or have ideas for fundraising.

Finally, 92% of parents have already made an appointment to see their child's class teacher next week. Please could I urge the few parents who have not yet made an appointment to do so. In order to make best use of the time, it is very useful if you can share any specific questions or concerns prior to your appointment and I would therefore ask that you complete the survey which has been emailed to you today. The form also asks for feedback on safety, home learning and other aspects of school life and we would be grateful if everyone could complete and submit it by **Tuesday 23 October**.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend,

Rachel Colbourn

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Thank you for your generous donations!

Note to all from Mrs Freeman

"I would like to say a heart felt thank you to all of the staff, parents and of course our wonderful children for the overwhelmingly generous gifts and wishes received this week. I shall miss you all!"



Did you know that five of our Year 1 parents completed the Yorkshire 3 peaks challenge and raised over £1500 for our PTA. Thanks to everyone that took part and who supported them. [Read more here.](#)



Have you had a look at our English page yet? Learn how to perfect that joined-up handwriting, get to know those Common Exception Words by viewing the Word Walls and we've just put the 100 books to read by year groups. Get some half term holiday book recommendations sorted! [Click here to here to see the English page.](#)

Do you know what clubs and activities there are for your child(ren) to join in with at school? [Follow this link](#) to look at all extra-curricular clubs and activities at Bramhope.



Next week, we will be holding one of our regular Scholastic Book Fairs. During this book fair, for every book you purchase, school will receive a book of the same value! So not only are you encouraging your own child's love of books and reading ability at home, you are also contributing to the whole schools passion for books.

In order to provide as many opportunities as possible for parents and children to visit the fair (to be held in the Lower School Hall), it will be open Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons during Parents Evenings (3.30 onwards) and Wednesday and Thursday mornings (8.30-9.00).

Going forwards, Mrs Holder is looking for parent volunteers who may be able to support reading in various ways throughout the school day. Here's how you can help:

- Regular reading volunteer
- Occasional support during Book Fairs (normally held October and June)
- Regular or occasional support in the Libraries

For further information, or to express your interest in helping, then please contact Mrs Holder or Miss Smith.



On Tuesday the 16 October we went on our school trip. On our school trip we met people who followed the Jewish, Islamic and Christian faiths. First, we started at the Synagogue. There we learnt all about what it is like to come to the Synagogue and how Jewish people pray. There were special prayer shawls and Kippahs (which were like little hats) these are what you wear if you are Jewish and come to the Synagogue to pray. We also learnt about scrolls and that they have special Hebrew writing on them. Did you know that they scrolls are all made from animal skin and that it can take 3 years to finish a scroll?

Next, we visited Leeds Minster. There we learnt all about what it means to be a Christian, some of the celebrations that Christians might use the Minster for; such as baptisms. We saw the font where people are baptised and we learnt that it's not just babies that get baptised, it can sometimes be adults that choose to in later life. Did you know Leeds Minster has two fonts.... Why do you think that might be?

Currently, at the Minster they are celebrating 100 years since the end of WW1. To remember this they have plastic figures sat in the church pews. The memorial is called 'There but not there'. Each plastic silhouette is there for someone who gave their life and each is named after somebody. We ate our lunch at the Minster and went out into the garden for some fresh air.

Finally and what some would say the most interesting place we visited was the Mosque. When we arrived, the teachers all covered their heads as a mark of respect. We all had to take our shoes off; this is so the prayer rooms are kept clean, tidy and presentable. We entered the first room and sat at the back to watch a congregational prayer. It was really interesting, and unlike anything I had ever seen before. The Imam, the leader of the prayer session spoke in Arabic and everyone in the prayer room copied what he did and what he told them to do. After watching the prayer we went to see the wash room and learnt about how Muslims pray 5 times a day and that they clean themselves each time as they believe they are speaking directly to God. You wouldn't speak to the Queen dirty would you? Speaking to God is the same; they need to be presentable to do that. After that we went upstairs into another prayer room. In this room there were lots of different activities. We could have our name written in Arabic and we had a quiz where we had to find out what different objects and artefacts meant and why they are important to people who follow the Islamic faith.

We had a fantastic day and learnt so many things about different religions that we didn't know before.

By Eve, Lara, Jacob and Polly

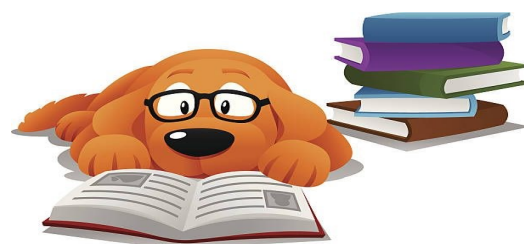


Congratulations to our Honey readers this week!





Izzy Casson, Evelyn Simpson, Abigail Taylor, Alice Jackson, Holly Nichells and Zain Nadiem.

All of these children have been reading 5 days a week at home and were pulled from the Honey Pot to win their session with Honey!

The children had a great time reading with Honey who even performed some tricks for them!



Well Done everybody!

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Dates for your diaries

PTA Pumpkin Party and Spooktacular Disco - Friday 26 October
KS1 4:00pm-5:30pm
KS2 5:45pm - 7:15pm

Parent Forum Meetings - Wednesday 20 March at 2:00pm
Friday 28 June at 9:00am

Individual parents' meetings will take place on 23 and 24 October

Christmas Shopping Evening - 29 November (adults only)

