



Dear Parents,

February 2019

We are nearly half way through the academic year. The children are making incredible progress....see all the photographs attached showcasing fantastic learning.

At Houldsworth Valley we continue to focus on having the highest of aspirations for the children academically and in their preparation for adult life. The children continue to concentrate, never give up, push themselves and improve. Every day the children are ready for learning, show respect and know how to keep themselves safe. Our pupils understand that every child has a right to education and promote behaviours which allow this.

Recently staff have discussed how we can provide the children with those extra experiences in every year group for the children to develop and learn. These range from climbing a tree to creating their own gallery (see attached sheet).

We are encouraging the children to apply restorative justice principles at lunchtimes which is developing well. We plan to train leaders to support adults in this role in the near future once it's embedded. Restorative justice involves asking and answering 5 questions to solve conflicts:

1. What happened?
2. How are you feeling?
3. Who else was involved?
4. What do you need to happen now / what have you learnt?
5. Are you satisfied with the outcome / what do you need to do to sort this out?

### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance currently stands at 96.4%. We are really proud that the children are in school every day learning. Next half-term we will be giving out raffle tickets to children in every day at the end of the week. The school council have decided that the winning raffle tickets will get a science box.

### PE KITS

Our target is to ensure every child has their PE kit for every PE lesson. Please support us with this.

Have a lovely half-term.

Kind regards,

Lisa Tweed

