

Holmfirth Harriers A.C.

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Dear Parent,

2018 Neiley Races

It's that time of year again and the organisation for the 30th year of the Holme Valley Schools Cross Country races is now underway. We plan to celebrate the 30th running, of what is now one of the largest school cross country events in England, on the 3rd Race Day when

- all runners will receive a commemorative 30th Neiley Races medal
- there will be a special parents and family one lap run after the final competitive event of the day (definitely not a race!) where the children can cheer on their supporters!

We would love to hear any stories or anecdotes from past participants as a history of the races is being prepared (please could you pass these to your school)

The event is organised by volunteers from Holmfirth Harriers Athletics Club, with the support of The Examiner newspaper and the continued support from local schools. Independent Financial Adviser John Philpott is again sponsoring the races together with certificates from Burton Safes and race numbers from BB's Hair & Beauty Salon in Holmfirth. We are grateful to all our sponsors for their support.

The races will be held on Wednesdays **25th April, 16th May and 23rd May** at the approximate start times of

4.40pm	Yrs 3 & 4 Girls	4.55pm	Yrs 3 & 4 Boys - Both running 2 laps, 1200 m in total
5.15pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Girls	5.30pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Boys - Both running 3 laps, 1800m in total

Schools are ranked by size and there are school and individual prizes for cumulative results over the 3 races. All race information and results will be issued to the school and published on the website as soon as possible after the races. www.holmfirthharriers.com

On Race Day

- There are no entries on the day and children must be entered by the schools not individually by parents.
- We expect around 1000 children to take part so please allow sufficient time to park.
- Car parking will be at the Neiley pavilion accessed from New Mill Road and on the hard play area accessed through the gate on Gynn Lane, Honley close to the junction with New Mill Road. If that parking is unavailable due to the weather, the Head Teacher at Honley High School, has kindly agreed to allow us to use the parking at the school which is accessed off Station Road. In either case road signs and marshals will assist.
- Please park sensibly & not in the coned off area; do not cause access problems for our local residents.
- For the first race only, the teacher or person in charge of each school will have the race numbers and safety pins. Please allow time to find them. Each school should have a flag or sign so they can be found.
- Please ensure that the children retain their numbers and 4 pins for the other 2 races.
- Please use a pin in each corner to attach the race number to the **front** of your child so it is clearly visible.
- Please try to discourage children from wearing jumpers or coats over their race numbers as these make it difficult for the results recorders and may mean your child's result is missed.
- Please do not make your own race numbers. We can issue replacements if they are lost or forgotten.
- Please listen out for announcements on the day as children who miss their race cannot take part in the other races.
- **No running spikes allowed due to the danger to other runners.**
- Water will be available near the finish line after each race. Water is also available in the pavilion.
- **Please do not cross the course while a race is in progress.**
- Sweets and drinks will be on sale near the pavilion and toilets are available inside.

We look forward to seeing you all!

John McFadzean 28th February 2018



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