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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a lovely week in school and the Spring weather certainly helps to keep everyone cheerful. Let us hope it stays this way for a while and especially for all our mums on Mother's Day. Children, as usual, have been working very hard and I know they are excited about you finding out how they have been doing, when meeting with their teachers next week.

Parents Consultation Meetings

Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st March.

As previously mentioned, these will take place between 3:15 and 6:00pm. If you have not already booked, please do so asap and when booking, please indicate which option you would like, a face to face meeting or a Zoom call. Unfortunately, as explained before, telephone calls are not an option. Teachers will send a Zoom Link next week.

Rugby

Our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Team played their first Tournament of the year on Wednesday at South Craven School. I am pleased to report they won! Each of the children got an individual medal and a trophy for the school. What made this even more pleasing is that points were awarded not just for winning games but for also for 'sportspersonship'. A big well done to; Tobi Wallace, Areez Miah, Joseph Kennedy, Kiese Da Cruz, Lydia Tretton, Sarim Zain, Violet Taylor, Jacob O'Sullivan and Ernest Chen.

After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs on Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st March due to Parents Consultation Meetings. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Steeeton Superstars This Week

Well done to all the following:

Seedlings: Yahya Mahmood Alexander Elliot

Saplings: Oliver Sloan Sarah Jibin

Plum: Hareem Hussain Abel Varghese

Maple: Joseph Scarr Disha Lohana

Willow: Kyle Dixon Abu-Huraira Arif

Elder: Poppy Harper Joseph Walmsley

Fir: Majuli Nediyaahalil Zain Asif

Rowan: Alice Tillotson Frankie Conroy

Ash: Areez Miah Aishah Mahmood

Holly: Rohan Hassan Tayib Imann

Silver Birch: Zayan Hussain Zara Saeed

Ilkley Literature Festival

This is taking place over the weekend at venues in Ilkley and Keighley. Please visit the website for details of all events.

www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk

One particular event taking place in Keighley is, **Story Explorer Day** with book themed activities for children aged 3-12. Presented by Ilkley Literature Festival the event will include author events, interactive sessions, storytelling and drop in sessions.

There's lots happening all day at Keighley Creative, the former Sunwin House on Hanover Street. Some events require pre-booking, find out more on the Ilkley Literature Festival Website.

Please see website for ticket information

In Term Holiday Requests

As stated on the Bradford Schools Online website "Parents should not take their children out of school without first seeking the school's permission. Families do not have a right to take their children out of school for the purposes of family holidays or trips abroad. Parents should always speak to the school prior to any absence to discuss any information that they feel should be taken into consideration by the Headteacher in deciding whether to authorise the absence."

The DfE guidance instructs Headteachers NOT to authorise leave of absence in term time. Permission for this type of absence should only be granted in the most exceptional circumstance.

If you are requesting to take your child out of school during term time, please contact Mrs Simpson at the school Office or email the school office and you will be sent a Request Form that needs returning to school.

Car Parking in locality

Please continue to park and drive carefully and legally around school and the surrounding roads for the safety of the whole school community and local residents. Just a reminder that the car park by the main school gate is for staff only. This is coned off in the afternoon. Please do not stand within this coned off area or allow children to play/enter the carpark.

I thank you for future cooperation in this matter.

Free School Meals

If you claim Income Support, Universal Credit or have are on a low income, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Benefits include:

- Free school meals for your child regardless of what year they are in

- Subsidised or free school trips
- Vouchers towards the costs of school uniform
- Free school milk
- Free music lessons within school
- A grant for school for activities and resources

Applying is easy and all online. You do not need to send in any documentation. All you need is your address, National Insurance number and dates of birth for people living in your house hold. You will receive an instant response.

You can apply through **Mrs Kennedy**, who can complete the application with you either over the phone or in person.

OR

You can apply yourself using an online form. Go to:

www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals

If you think you might be eligible, please speak to Mrs Kennedy, who can help you apply and give you further information.



People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We have a number of children to who this applies.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes.

For example

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Some cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Food with Satay Sauces.

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

I know if this was your child, you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

I hope everyone has a good weekend.

Mr K. Wheeler