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Newsletter 26

Dear Parents and Carers

We have finally reached the end of Term. It has been a really busy term and we have been pleased to see the number of visitors and visits the children are experiencing growing in number again. This hopefully will continue in the summer term. The children deserve a well-earned rest after a really hard-working term. In particular the standard of Art Work being produced on Magic Mondays and now displayed around school has been exceptional. The children have shown great resilience in creating the wonderful art work and are certainly improving their art and design skills.

I would like to wish anyone who is celebrating over the holiday a happy and peaceful Easter and that all our families have a safe and restful two weeks.

After School Clubs

The clubs for the next half term will go live on parent later on today. This is for 5 weeks and hopefully, Forest School will be returning. 4 weeks for Tuesday clubs, due to school being closed on 3rd May.

School Sport

Since competitive school sport returned this year we have been quite successful. This has continued this week.

Firstly, our Girls Netball played in a friendly tournament and won 2 out of the three games. Mrs Birtwistle tells me they were also always the first team to go up and shake their opponents' hands. Well done to; Niamh Goodman, Zara Saeed, Gabby Cooper, Poppy Chapman and Anaya Khan.

Secondly, our Yr5/6 Footballers played in a tournament at South Craven School. They reached the final but unfortunately, just lost on penalties. Once again, Mr Shaw Jnr tells me the sportspersonship was exemplary. Well done to; Hasan Hussain, Archie O'Neill, Rueben Tillotson, Violet Taylor, Tobi Wallace, Ismail Suleman, Samuel Belfield, Areez Miah, Mohammad Rayan Jahangir and Sufyaan Hussain.

Sats Weeks

KS2 Sats will take place w/b 9th May and KS1 Sats will take place w/b 9th and 16th May.

Steeton and Eastburn Family Fun Day

This will take place on Monday 2nd May on Mill Lane Green. Please see attached leaflet.

Absence and Lateness.

We are updating and finalising our Attendance Policy to be shared after half term. These include updates around unauthorised absence and lateness to ensure we are in line with Bradford Local Authority and the DFE updated guidelines. Please see the key points below that will be implemented after the Holiday.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, parents/carers are responsible for contacting school **before 9am each day**.

Please can you call school and select option 1, then leave a message as to why your child is absent. The messages will be checked again at lunchtime.

Failure to contact school giving a valid reason for absence will result in your child receiving an Unauthorised Absence mark. If your child has 3 days of Unauthorised Absence within a 6-week period, you will be contacted by the school and reminded that if your child has a further Unauthorised Absence over the next 20 days, Bradford Metropolitan Council may look to serve you with a penalty notice and fine.

Lateness

We have a small number of children who are persistently late. As from Monday 25th April, at 8:45am, all gates, including the main gate will be closed and not staffed. If you arrive after 8:45am you must report to the main gate and press the buzzer. You will then have to accompany your child into school and give the reason for lateness. Do not leave children unattended at the gate or let out of a vehicle to enter school unaccompanied as this would be seen as a safeguarding incident and dealt with accordingly. Continued persistent lateness will result in the school contacting individual parents directly.

Traffic

The Council Wardens have asked me to pass on to parents that they will continue to make random visits at the beginning and end of the school day. They said they will continue to ticket drivers who stop on the zig zags to pick up or drop off passengers and any other parking offences they see.

Steeeton Superstars This Week

Well done to all the following:

Seedlings: All of Seedlings class

Saplings: All of Saplings class

Plum: Oscar Nicholson Amelia Javed

Maple: All of Maple class

Willow: All of Willow class

Elder: Saifullah Siddique Zaynah Abbas

Fir: Zain Asif Luke Addy

Rowan: Mina Latif Eesa Haleem

Ash: Tobi Wallace Adam Ellahi

Holly: Samiullah Ayub Adam Sarwar

Silver Birch: Tamar Adebusoye Ismail Suleman

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 holiday and hope to see everyone safe and well by 8:45am Monday 25th April.

Mr K. Wheeler