

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

***“Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve”***

## Happy New Year!

What a start to the new school year it has been. Firstly, a big thank you for all your patience and support this week. It is never easy for schools when the weather is so bad especially as our staff all live in different areas and it can be hard for some of us to get here even if it seems possible round school. We will always open if we can safely. I would also like to thank the staff who have done everything they can to make sure we could open safely and keep children in school.

**Next week will be as normal and all children need to be in Nursery by 8.40am and main school by 8.50am for registration.**

**Attendance** – A lot of parents have asked about how this week will affect their child’s attendance. We use the codes available to us but we will not be starting our tracking for half termly and termly awards (raffles, certificates and prizes etc.) until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> next week so all children have the same chance.

### Reminders

- ❖ **Wellington Boots** – these may be great for walking to school in bad weather but can be dangerous when worn in school, they can be slippery especially on the stairs. If they wear wellies please send a change of shoes, we are happy to help them if needed.
- ❖ **Themed Lunch** - Will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January and all children entitled to free school meals in Years 3 to 6 will be provided with one to try. All children in Reception to Year 2 will also be offered one. This is a great opportunity for children to try school dinners. If they normally bring packed lunch, they still can. Please let school know if you do not want them to try one, remember all children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free meal every day.
- ❖ **Holidays** - Taking children out of school on unauthorised holidays in term time may affect your child’s BC and ASC place and will mean they will not be prioritised for any holiday schemes.
- ❖ **Punctuality** – the amount of children being late after 8.40am in Nursery and 8.50am in the rest of school is having a negative impact on your child’s learning and wellbeing and on the education of the rest of the children. **CHILDREN MUST BE HERE ON TIME**
- ❖ **School Gateway App** – Reminder we need everyone to download the school gateway app, as this will be how messages are sent out to parents/carers. Please make sure you have your notifications turned on so you do not miss any messages.



**Fiesta FunTheme Menu** - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, if your child normally has packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day, please order and pay by ParentPay or by card at the office if paying for other items as we no longer accept payment less than £5, payment must be made by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2.10 for Nursery & £2.20 for Year 3 – Year

6. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.



## **Urgent Primary School Application for September 2025**

**Deadline to apply 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025** - If your child is due to start Reception in

September 2025, you must apply online. If you require any help with your application, please contact Mrs Drake in the school office as soon as possible.

## Week before holiday's attendance

Nursery: 88.2%

Reception: 88.5%

Year 1 to Year 6: 93.6%



Attendance Winners for last week: **KS1 Class 6 – 98.3%**

**KS2 – Class 13 – 97.9%**



Well done to the best classes: **KS1 – Class 1**

**KS2 – Class 13**



**Headteachers Awards – Well done to the children who have had a great week in school.**

*Class 1 Orlah*

*Class 1 Eshaal*

*Class 2 Akim*

*Class 2 Dion*

*Class 3 Gurasees*

*Class 3 Benji*

*Class 4 Maja*

*Class 4 Max*

*Class 5 Lilas*

*Class 5 Aniya*

*Class 6 Harry*

*Class 6 Lilah*

### Weekly Round Up

**Nursery** – Happy New Year to all! This week we discussed the transition between autumn and winter. We talked about cold weather and how to be safe in winter. We have read lots of winter stories and sang winter songs. We made snowy pictures using chalk and white paint. We also made igloos using Lego blocks.

**Reception** – This week in Reception we have started our new Topic 'Where can we go and how can we get there' we have been talking about where we live and what we can see in our local area. We have enjoyed looking at maps and finding the United Kingdom and Leeds. We have really enjoyed P.E this week. We have learnt some gymnastic shapes such as straight, tuck, straddle and pike. In Maths, we have been learning about zero. We have been sorting zero and not zero with our talk partner. Please continue to send pictures of fun you had in the snow to Learning journals.

**Year 1 & 2** - Welcome back to a new term full of lots of exciting learning opportunities and topics for the children in Years 1 and 2. This half term the children in Year 1 will be exploring the topic of Antarctic Adventures where they will be learning about the polar regions and about famous explorers such as Robert Falcon Scott.

In Year 2 the children will be Learning about the events and people of The Great Fire of London. They will be looking at the diary of Samuel Pepys to help find out about this period in history.

**Year 3 & 4** - Welcome back and a happy new year to all of our children and families.

This week, we have started reading our new class story: The Iron Man. We have been looking at the opening chapter and describing the Iron Man. We have also started looking at the Romans, and why they came to Britain. Over the next two weeks, the children will be dressing up as Romans and having a special day in class looking at them. In Science, we have started looking at light, shadows, and how light travels. In RE, we have enjoyed taking a closer look at Judaism and where they worship. In art, we have started looking at printing, which is our topic for this half term.

**Year 5 & 6 – Lessons** - In Science, we have started our new topic about electricity – we recapped electrical symbols and used diagrams to make our own electrical circuits – experimenting with what makes a bulb brighter/dimmer. In History, we have been introduced to the topic of The Islamic Empire and learnt about what impact the Islamic Empire has had on our modern world. In Art, we have been introduced to Islamic Art and investigated calligraphy.

**Swimming** - Swimming lessons start again next week (week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January).

- Mondays: Class 15
- Tuesdays: Class 14
- Wednesdays: Class 13
- Thursdays: Class 16
- Fridays: Class 12

**Homework** - Children are expected to read their reading book at home every night. We also encourage children to use Reading Plus at home. Each week, children will be set homework the following on Emile: grammar, punctuation, spelling and Maths. Homework is set on a Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday. There is a homework club every Monday and Thursday lunchtimes for any children wishing to complete their homework in school.

**Year 6 SATs briefing** - We will be holding a SATs information session for families this term. We will let you know the date of this information session next week.

**Year 6 SATs Week** - A reminder that Year 6 SATs week will begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It is vital that all children in Year 6 attend school that week. The test timetable will be as follows:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Reading
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic & reasoning
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning

**School Dates 2024-2025:**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

School Opens at 8.30am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Training Day - No Children in School**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

School Opens at 8.30am

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**School Closed May Bank Holiday**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

School Opens at 8.30am

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Training Day – No Children in School**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

School Closes at 3.30pm