



Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after, what I hope for you all, was a great summer. It has been lovely to see all the children return to school looking extremely smart, happy and ready for another busy year. There are just a few pieces of information I wanted to share with you that I hope you will find useful:

### **My Happy Mind**

I am pleased to announce that this year we will be introducing an NHS backed program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. MyHappyMind is based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! Further information about this exciting new programme will be sent home to parents in a separate letter.

### **Attendance – Every Day Counts!**

This year we will continue to be working hard with our children and families to ensure our attendance continues to improve. Significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time came into force from 19 August 2024. In summary, penalty notice fines have increased from £60/£120 to £80/£160 and the threshold for issuing a penalty notice is now a minimum of 10 sessions (5 days) over a 10 week (100 session) period. I would like to remind parents that the law gives no entitlement to parents to take their children on holiday during term time. As head teacher, I do not have the authority to authorise absences for holidays or related activities, unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances. Full details of the changes can be found in updated Attendance Policy on the school website.

### **Parental Involvement**

Parents and family members of children who are due to receive an award will be invited to join us for our Friday celebration assembly. A text message will be sent home if your child has been selected. This year, Celebration assembly will take place at **8.55am every Friday**.

Once again, this year each class will hold an assembly for parents to showcase the learning they have been doing during the half term. Dates for this year's assemblies can be found below:

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October – 9am	4
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November -9am	6
Wednesday 22nd January - 9am	5
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March – 9am	2
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March – 9am	1
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – 9am	3
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June - 9am	Reception

### **Drop in sessions**

Join us after school on **Tuesday 17th September** for an opportunity to come into school, meet your child's new class teacher and have a look around their new classroom. You will be able to have a look at some of the early work your child has done in their books and speak to their new class teacher about any concerns/questions you may have. The drop in session will be running from **3.30-4.30pm**. This will be followed by our first formal parent consultation meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.



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### Class PE days

Please see details of class PE days below. Children may come to school in their PE kit on their allocated day.

Year 1 – Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday

Year 3 – Thursday

Year 4 – Monday

Year 5 – Tuesday

Year 6 – Wednesday

### Playground

Please remember for the safety of all, **dogs are not allowed** in our school playground. If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter please dismount and walk before entering the playground. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th September – **Year 6** trip to Bradford Peace Trail

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – **Year 4** trip to Saltaire

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – **Year 5** trip to Saltaire

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – **3.30 – 4.30pm – Whole school** - parents drop in session

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – **Year 5** Opera and Ballet workshop in school

Tuesday 8th October – Harvest Festival – 9am in church - **all welcome**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – **Year 4** class assembly – 9am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – **School closes for half term**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – school re-opens

Yours faithfully

Miss G Ackroyd  
Head teacher