Tuesday 2nd September 2025

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:

### 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 **9am 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:

| Date/Time | Year Group |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 18th November -9am | 6 |
| Wednesday 4th February – 9am | 2 |
| Wednesday 25th March  - 9am | 1 |
| Wednesday 29th April – 9am | Reception |
| Friday 8th May – 9am | 4 |
| Wednesday 24th June – 9am | 3 |
| Wednesday 1st July  - 9am | 5 |

### Drop in sessions

Join us after school 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 sessions will be running across two separate days this year (see details below).This will be followed by our first formal parent consultation meeting on Thursday 27th November.

**Tuesday 16th September** – 3.30 – 4.30pm – Reception/Year 1/Year 3/Year 6
**Wednesday 17th September** – 3.30 – 4.30pm – Year 2/Year 4/Year 5

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## Class PE days

Please see details of class PE days below.

Reception - Friday
Year 1 - Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2 - Thursday
Year 3 - Monday
Year 4 - Tuesday
Year 5 - Friday
Year 6 - Wednesday

Children should come to school on their PE day wearing their full PE uniform which is – plain black joggers/shorts/leggings, plain white t-shirt, plain black hoody or jumper (no branded items) and appropriate trainers.

## 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

Wednesday 3rd September 9am – Church Wardens coffee morning in school – **all welcome**
Friday 5th September – **Year 6** Gurdwara visit
Monday 8th September - **Year 4** and **Year 5** trip to Saltaire
Wednesday 10th September – **Year 2** trip to Bradford Industrial Museum/**Year 1** local walk
Tuesday 16th September – **3.30 – 4.30pm** –**Reception/Year 1/Year 3/Year 6**- parents drop in session
Wednesday 17th September – **3.30 – 4.30pm** –**Year 2/Year 4/Year 5 -** parents drop in session
Wednesday 24th September –Macmillan 'Bake Off' and cake sale
Tuesday 7th October – 9am SEND/Mind brunch
Wednesday 8th/Thursday 9th October – Life Caravan workshops in school
Tuesday 21st October - Harvest Festival – 9am in church - **all welcome**
Friday 24th October –**School closes for half term**
Monday 3rd November– school re-opens

Yours faithfully

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