



*Through the love of God, we  
protect our school community.  
Together we trust, hope,  
persevere and flourish on life's  
great adventure.*

Newsletter

## Staffing Updates

We are pleased to be welcoming our new Assistant Headteacher after the Easter Holidays. Mrs Carroll will be leading on the further development of our curriculum and teaching in year six for the Summer term.

We thank Mr Mackinnon, our Acting Assistant Headteacher, for his work in this role over the last two terms and wish him lots of luck in his new post in an Academy Trust.

We have also recently recruited for an Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, who will start work with us in the Summer Term.

Mrs Lauren Evans will be leading Early Years and working alongside Mrs Bramham, as our SENDCo.

## Attendance

We are finishing this half term with an overall school attendance of 92.5%

The class with the best overall attendance was Year 5 with 97.2% followed by Year 2 with 95.1%



We have 17 pupils who have maintained 100% attendance so far this school year!

As a school we have started additional monitoring of attendance to ensure we are providing the correct support where required to aid pupils to attend school as often as possible.

If you feel you need any additional support with any attendance issues please contact the main school office to speak to Miss Moore.

Unfortunately, we continue to have children taking time off from school for unauthorised leaves of absence.

Please be reminded this not only disrupts your child's learning but can also lead to a fine from the local authority being issued.

## School Uniform

We continue to have children wearing incorrect PE kits to school. Please be reminded the required clothing for PE days is:

- Navy shorts, (warmer weather) white round neck T-shirt
- Family zipped hoodie
- Plain navy or black track suit bottoms and trainers

Family hoodies can be purchased from <https://maduck.co.uk>, Tel: 01274 410816 or search for Mad Duck Ltd on Facebook.

Please speak to Miss Moore if you need any support to purchase family hoodie as a payment plan can be agreed to help.

## News from around school



*Our first Rainbow winners enjoyed a special lunch as a reward for their excellent lunchtime behaviour.*



*We held a special Shrove Tuesday collective worship and had a staff versus pupil pancake flipping contest.*



*We celebrated World Book day by dressing up as our favourite characters from the story of Wizard of Oz.*



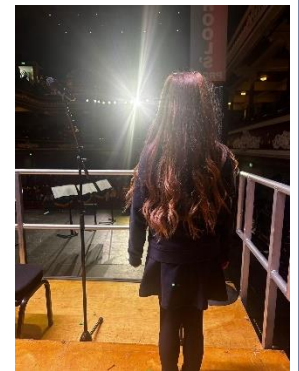
*Our Nature club learned about foraging for free food and made nettle crisps, dandelion drop scones, chocolate mushrooms and garlic butter*



*A group of pupils in Years 3 & 4 participated in a local Football Tournament and Year 1 pupils participated in a multi sports tournament. All pupils worked really hard and supported each other as a team throughout the events.*



*Each class listened to stories telling them more about the area of Bradford their class is named after.*



*Our school choir attended the School Proms held at St George's Hall. In total 13 schools performed during the evening showcasing their amazing work and talents. Once again our choir sang with their hearts and demonstrated what amazing pupils we have here at St Paul's*

*Our Star Award winners continued each weekly displaying the Christian values of St Paul's*



## Raffle winners!

Thank you to everyone who entered our Easter raffle to help raise funds for the Syria/Turkey earthquake appeal and our school funds.

We are busy counting the final totals raised and will share this with you shortly.

Raffle Winners:

Matilda Year 1

Joseph F Year 5

Abhijeet Year 2

Hudson Reception

Kernahan Year 6

Willow Year 3

Faye Year 4

Ena Year 5



## Decorate an Egg and Bonnet Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered our Easter decoration.

All the entries were amazing and our judge had a very difficult job choosing the overall winners.

Reception: Dolcie

Y 1: Riley

Y 2: Isabella

Y 3: Penny

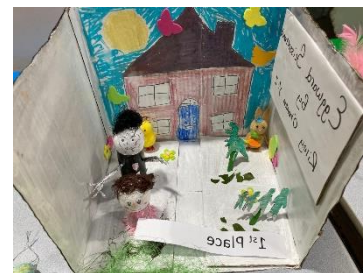
Y 4: Harvey

Y 5: Joseph F

Y 6: Manreet

Parent winner: Mrs Friswell

Staff winner: Mrs Wilson



## Increased school meal costs

Our catering contractors, FM Catering have informed schools that as from Monday 17th April 2023, the price of school meals for pupils will rise to £2.10 (this includes a meal and pudding)



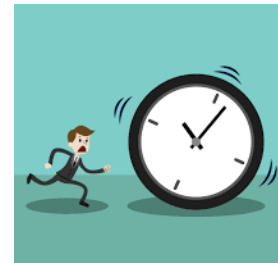
## Absence and Lateness

Please can I remind parents to phone school by 8:40am in the morning if your child will be absent. Please leave an answerphone message providing details for the reason of absence and an expected return date.

Also, we have an increasing number of children who are persistently late, arriving just 5 minutes late each day not only has a big impact on your child's learning but also on the learning of others.

### Arriving 5 minutes late each day:

- 5 days a week = 25 minutes lost learning time a week.
- 39 weeks a year = 16 hours and 15 minutes lost learning time a year.
- 7 years in our school = 113 hours and 45 minutes learning time lost.



### Arriving late to school can:

- Cause embarrassment for your child to walk into class late
- Children miss out on the social time to settle into class
- Arriving late means the teacher often has to stop and repeat the teaching the late arrival has missed causing a delay for the other children in class to complete their work
- Creates a bad habit that is hard to break
- Can lead to the poor attendance – If your child thinks that it is okay to be late for school they can soon think it's okay not to go to school at all

## Unauthorised holidays in term time

Absence due to unauthorised leave taken during term time is a significant issue for all Bradford schools. Children in Bradford are twice as likely to be absent due to unauthorised leave during term time than the average child in England.

Absence due to unauthorised leave during term time covers a variety of reasons for absence, including holidays during term time and travel to other countries to visit family and attend celebrations and events. Currently schools can request a penalty notice from Bradford Council for each child, and each parent, where unauthorised leave takes place. Despite this, absence due to unauthorised leave during term time continues to take place, with a significant number of families taking more than one period of absence during an academic year, or taking a period of leave of four weeks or more.

A decision has been made by Bradford Council to change their approach to situations where families take two or more periods of unauthorised leave in a 12-month period, or when a period of four or more weeks of leave is taken. In these instances, Bradford Council will utilise the option to start legal proceedings via the magistrates' court, instead of issuing a penalty notice. ***This means that parents may be liable to receive a significantly higher fine (up to £2,500 per child, per parent) if found guilty, as well as receive a criminal record, which may be reportable to employers (for example, via a DBS Check). In rare circumstances, magistrates can consider a custodial sentence for up to 3 months. This change will come into force from 1st April 2023.***

Requests for leave during term time are never taken lightly and we will always consider the social, emotional and cultural reasons for the leave, whether the leave is exceptional, as well as your child's overall level of attendance, academic attainment and the impact any leave may have on your child's learning during their time away.



## Medicine In School

Please be reminded we can only accept medicine in school if it has been prescribed by a doctor and has a prescription label with name, dosage and date of prescription attached.

We can also accept non prescribed medicine if this is accompanied by a doctors note and has been discussed and agreed with the school SENDCO or Head Teacher.



## Payments to school

Please be aware that we will be using a new system after Easter (April). The change will be that if your child is allocated a place in a club, the payment for the six week block will be requested in one payment at the outset of the sessions. This system will make it simpler for parents to keep track of payments and will ensure that places are funded, enabling clubs to continue to run.



## Holiday Activities

Children on benefits-related free school meals are eligible for a free place at a HAF holiday club during the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays.

HAF clubs provide free fun activities and a healthy meal for eligible children, including children with SEND or additional needs.

Places are limited on the clubs so please book early to avoid missing out.

To book visit: <https://bradford.haf.fun/login>

## Dates for your diary

### March

31 School closes for the Easter break

### April

17 School reopens

19 EID themed lunch

24 Full class photographs

### May

01 School closed for Bank Holiday

03 A Right Royal Boogie (more information to follow)

08 School closed for Bank holiday

09-12 Year 6 SATS

Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Parents evenings for Class Wibsey, Class Keighley, Class Manningham, Class Saltaire and Class Haworth. More details to follow.

