



LEES PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 12th April 2019

Dear Parents and Friends

At last the Easter holidays are almost here! This has been quite a long and busy term and I think we are all looking forward to this holiday.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Year 3 & 4 Easter concert earlier this week and again at St James' Church this morning for our Easter service. Our recent Parent Evenings were well attended and I would like to thank everyone involved with the refreshment stall and book sale. We are very lucky to have such supportive parents and the outfits and fundraising that took place for World Book Day and Red Nose Day are testament to this.

A special thank you must go the FoLees team for their continued fundraising which enables us to further enrich the education of all our children. The Easter discos took a great deal of planning and organisation and the fun the children had was clear to see. So, I am sure you would like to join with me in thanking Mrs Lisa Clark and the very dedicated volunteers who give up so much of their valuable time for the benefit of our children.

Whilst the next half term is quite short, it is nevertheless another busy one with KS1 Phonic Tests and KS2 SATs but once these are out of the way we have lots to look forward to including our Healthy Schools Week and of course our whole school visit to St Annes - buckets and spades at the ready!

Have a lovely Easter!

Mr E Whitehead
Headteacher

News from the Bronte Academy Trust

Brontë has had a particularly busy term since Christmas! We are delighted to welcome Oldfield Primary into our family and we are hopeful that our new member will be formally converted before we break for Summer. Mr Travers, our highly skilled Assistant Head from Oakworth is leading the school. The children and staff at the school are very excited to join us and we are already planning 'get-togethers'.

Reception and nursery places at our trust schools are high in demand and if you know of anyone who is looking for a place, please contact Mr Travers at Oldfield, where we do still have some availability. We are proud of our outstanding Early Years' provision in the trust and this is now extended to Oldfield. We are also looking to see how we can provide nursery provision at the school and we will keep you informed of further developments.

All staff at the Trust wish you a very Happy Easter.

Gill Holland, CEO

Hello from your Bronte Buddies at Oakworth! This term seems to have whizzed by and we have all enjoyed lots of exciting learning experiences in the Spring sunshine.

Some of our children have made outdoor compasses from natural materials to navigate their way around the locality; our Early Years' classes have visited Briony's Farm, to see the new baby animals there and our school choir performed brilliantly last week in the Worth Valley Schools' Spring Music Concert.

Mrs Mayo has announced that she will be retiring as Headteacher in the Summer, so we are all looking forward to getting to know our new Headteacher, Ms Vargassoff, who will be visiting us again soon.

Happy Easter everyone!

Cross Roads with Lees Village Gala

The Village Gala will take place this year on Saturday 13th July 2019 with the theme this year being Circus & Fairgrounds. We will once again be having a School Walking Float to which all children at Lees are invited to take part in - more details will be sent home after Easter but we thought this advance notice would give you an opportunity to plan some themed costumes. Our Gala King, Queen & Attendants have been selected - congratulations to the following. Our thanks as always to the FoLees Team who help organize this event for our children.

Gala Queen

Tabby Atkinson

Gala King

Oliver Battle

Attendants

Mason Brown, Matilda Neary,
William Harrison, Susannah Humpherson,
Billie Atkinson, Noah Wilkinson,
Eva Ibbotson, Lawson Westhuizen

Suncream

Whilst typing this it is pouring with rain, grey and overcast - however, the weather is sure to pick up after Easter and once again children will need suncream in school as we are out and about more next term. Ideally suncream should be applied before coming to school in the morning. Unless you are applying the 'once daily' suncreams please can we ask that children bring to school a named bottle of suncream that can be kept in the classroom in case further applications are needed.

Water Bottles

As the weather warms up it is especially important that children have water bottles in school. We do not currently have water bottles for sale in school so please can we ask that you purchase a clear water bottle for your child ensuring that it is clearly named. *Please note only plain water is allowed in class - not juice or flavoured water.*

School Uniform Policy

Please can I draw your attention to the School Uniform Policy which can be found on the Policies Page on the school website.

Jewellery

Items of jewellery are not permitted at school. Should a pupil have pierced ears, only **plain gold studs** should be worn.

Make Up

No make-up, nail varnish or permanent or temporary tattoos are to be worn.

Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour or decoration - please note this includes shaved designs. Should the Headteacher deem that the hairstyle does not fit in with our policy and ethos, parents will be contacted to discuss this. **Long hair must be tied back at all times.**

Shoes - Flat black shoes should be worn - not trainers, canvas or ballet pumps.



School Dinner Money - Years 3 - 6

The cost of a school meal increased on the 1st January 2019 to £1.80 per day/£9.00 per week. Dinner money envelopes are available free of charge from the school office - please do not use these for anything other than dinner money as they are sent straight to the School Kitchen. Cheques should be made payable to Bradford Council, with your child's name & Lees Primary School written on the back. **ALL meals must be booked and paid for on the Monday of the week they are required.**

Before & After School in the Playground -

In recent weeks there have been a number of accidents (and arguments which then continue into the classroom) as a result of children playing ball games before & after school. Parents/carers are responsible for their child before/after the school bell but we are put in a difficult situation when a child is injured or upset but has no adult with them. Can we please ask you to remind your child that ball games are not permitted before or after school in the playground.

For similar reasons, I would also like to ask that children and younger siblings do not play with any of the equipment/resources set up in the small playground outside Year Reception. This area is used as an outdoor classroom and is set up before school so that our Reception Class children can access it immediately after morning registration. Currently, staff are having to deal with damage that has occurred before/after school which then delays the start of Reception Class outdoor learning.

Your support would be much appreciated, thank you.

School Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure good progress and outcomes for your child. Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage a child in adult life. Not only does it disrupt the education of the individual pupil but of the whole class. The table below shows the impact absence can have on learning.

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons

News from Mrs Corrigan, Parental Involvement Worker

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Book Fair which raised more money to purchase new books for the School Library. The next Book Fair will be in October at the next Parents Evening - dates will be published on the Calendar on the website shortly.

All the children have taken part in Road Safety sessions this term and Year 3 have been out and about to learn how to be safe pedestrians - Well done Year 3!

We are very grateful to the Cyber Team from West Yorkshire Police who have been in school to talk to parents and children in KS2 about online safety. They will be back again to run workshops and to offer advice and support in the Summer Term. If you have any questions or need help with computer settings or would like a better understanding of keeping children safe in the digital world please come along to the next Coffee Afternoon in May for a drop-in session.

Coffee Afternoons will be running throughout next term, in the Library from 2.15pm. Please call in to say hello and to find out all that is happening in school. Dates for the next coffee afternoons are -

Friday 17th May

Friday 21st June

Please check out the PIW page of the school web site for information.

Thank you



News from our School Council

The School Council is made up of a group of children from Years 2 - 6 who were elected by fellow pupils. Their aim is to represent the views of children in school and to work with Mrs Corrigan to implement selected projects.

Hello, we are the School Council. You've probably been wondering what we've been getting up to since we started our School Council. We have been busy getting lots of new projects started.

We will be opening our School Shop in the Library on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes. We will have lots of fun stationery for sale, which will help to raise funds for school.

We are setting up a new system to help keep the cloakrooms and toilets in school tidy. Classes can earn stars for how tidy they can keep them and if they can keep up the good work they will be rewarded with extra playtime.

On Thursday Lunchtimes in the ICT room there will be a Homework Club. Everyone is welcome to come along and complete any homework they have been set.

Finally, as we have agreed a school pet would be too difficult to look after, we have decided to sponsor the Dogs Trust. They are coming along to our school in June to speak to all the children and run workshops. We will support the charity every month with some of the money we make from the School Shop.

Thank you - The School Council

Diary Dates



The calendar is updated regularly with new events, so please check the Events Page on the School website for up to date information. Letters giving details about specific events will be sent home with children nearer the time.

Summer Term April - July 2019	
Monday 29 April	School opens at 8.55am
Tuesday 30 April	Year 2 Visit to National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield.
Friday 3 May	Year 5 Cake Sale
Monday 6 May	School Closed May Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 May	Year Reception Visit to East Riddlesden Hall
Friday 10 May	Year 3 Mayan Workshop
Week Commencing Monday 13 May	SATs Week
Friday 17 May	Coffee Afternoon at 2.15pm in the School Library
Wednesday 22 May	Year 5 Visit to Saltaire
Friday 24 th May	Year 5 Brownlee Triathlon Event at Bradford Grammar School. School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 3 June	School opens at 8.55am Healthy Schools Week
Monday 10 June	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Tuesday 11 June	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Wednesday 26 June	Open Evening for Parents with children starting Year Reception in September 2019.
Friday 28 June	One Britain One Nation Day Year 3 Cake Sale
Tuesday 2 July	Whole School Visit to St Annes
Friday 5 July	School Closed - Training Day
Wednesday 10 July	Year 5 & 6 Performance followed by Year 6 Family Party.
Thursday 11 July	Sports Day
Saturday 13 July	Village Gala
Friday 19 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am School closes at 3.15pm for the Summer Holidays
Tuesday 3 rd September	School re-opens at 8.55am