



**NEWSLETTER**  
17th September 2020



## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK



Last week the pupils of the week were :-

- Nur: Hunter Wark-Sykes
- Rec: Annabella Graham
- Yr 1: Daniel Fossard
- Yr 2: Dexter Ellis
- Yr 3: Mackinley Dixon
- Yr 4: Xander Helme
- Yr 5: Charlie Moran
- Yr 6: Max Mortimer

### Welcome Back

It has been so lovely to see all of our families back at school after such a long time. The children have settled in really well and we are delighted to have them back in school ready for our new school year. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces come through gates each morning - children and adults alike.

### Breakfast Club

If you would like to book a place in Breakfast Club, please could you send an email to the school email address [admin@elland.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@elland.calderdale.sch.uk) stating the days that you require and the number of children who will be attending. Please can you let us know with as much notice as possible.

### Curriculum

We have looked carefully at the curriculum content that was not covered due to the closure in the Summer Term, and have built in key learning from previous years in to the current year curriculum. This is particularly evident in English and Maths, where teachers will ensure children have the required knowledge from their previous year group before building on that knowledge. This has been built in across the year.

Similarly in other subjects, key skills which may have been missed have been mapped to current year plans. For more information about what your child is learning, please see our website. Your child's class newsletter will also be coming home in the next week.

### One-way System

I would like to thank parents and carers for their cooperation and support as we have finalised the one-way system in school. We will keep this under review. Though I do not anticipate any further changes in the near future, I will ensure any changes are communicated promptly. Our key priority is safety.

### Church Links

Our Collective Worship is currently being held in separate classes. This week in Collective Worship the children learnt Friendship. Father David was with the Upper Key Stage 2 bubble on Thursday.

## Arrival Times

Thank you for respecting social distancing in and outside of our school grounds. A reminder to arrive at your allocated time to ease any congestion on the playground:

KS2 8:35-8:45am EYFS and KS1 8:45-8:55am (families with children across both Key Stages to arrive together at the earlier time slot).

## P.E. Kits

Your child will be provided with a t-shirt and pump bag (in their house colours) and navy shorts for P.E. Please can you ensure your child has black pumps in school. Following guidelines, as much P.E. as possible will take place outdoors. As the weather becomes cooler, children may wear dark coloured, plain jogging bottoms. P.E. Kits will be sent home weekly for washing and will need to be returned the following week.

## Data Collection Sheets

We will soon be sending our data collection sheets home for you to check what information we hold for you and your child. Once you receive the form please can you ensure that we have an up to date phone number and email address for all the emergency contacts listed.

We have had several occasions this week where we have tried to contact parents and numbers have not connected. It's really important that we hold the right information for you and your emergency contacts in case of an emergency. If you have changed your phone number this year please can you contact the school office to update your details.

## Health Update

As children return to school after the prolonged break, colds and similar viral infections are likely to circulate. We have had lots of people asking about whether to send children to school if they have a cold. Children with simple cold symptoms such as runny noses or sore throats **without fever** who would normally have attended school or childcare in other times should not be tested for COVID-19, and can attend the setting if they feel well enough to do so.

If your child develops any of the key symptoms for COVID-19 in school, we will contact parents and carers and ask for you to arrange a test. This is Government guidelines.

### COVID-19 Symptoms

Anyone with any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home and arrange testing. These symptoms are:

- high temperature **and/or**
- new continuous cough **and/or**
- loss or change to sense of taste or smell

Please contact school to advise us of any absence.

We have been made aware that children with COVID-19 symptoms are being turned away from local test sites as they struggle to cope with demand. The advice from Public Health is to keep trying to book a test for your child, as more tests do become available through the day.

Unfortunately, this is a national problem which we have no control over.

Please note that unless advised otherwise, only people who present with **any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 should be tested**. Testing must be conducted within the first 5 days of the onset of symptoms.

## Open Minds

If anyone would like any advice about mental health please visit the Open Minds website on [openminds.calderdale.org.uk](http://openminds.calderdale.org.uk)