



'Building independence, broadening horizons,
brightening futures'

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Adverse weather

conditions: arrangements

Below is a reminder of arrangements in adverse weather conditions:

* If school is to be closed, a message will be posted on Calderdale's website

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/education/closures/status.jsp?establishment=SCH&ffset=40>

School will also send a text.

* If school is open but the playground is deemed unsafe, I will ask parents and children not to arrive at school until 8:50am

* If school is open but the paths onto the playground are not safe to use, staff will be on hand to direct you and we will use the front main entrance.

* If you live somewhere where access can be difficult in adverse weather conditions and are unable to get to school safely, please contact the school office.

Governor Profiles

Our website has been updated and has a new governor profiles section where you can learn more about members of our Governing Body and their roles and responsibilities.

Forest Schools

Kerry Gough, our Nursery teacher, has completed the Level 3 Forest School Leader training. Sessions have been taking place in Nursery for some time and I am happy to announce that we will now be rolling out a programme of sessions with some children across the school. Children involved in the first wave of sessions have already been contacted via letter.

Some of the main aims of Forest School include:

- * to provide opportunities for individuals to develop, learn and enjoy themselves
- * to provide a safe environment in which pupils can take risks
- * to build on children's problem solving skills and encourage them to think outside the box
- * to help pupils understand, appreciate and care for the natural environment
- * to enable pupils to be independent, self-motivated and considerate
- * to provide stimulation and varied learning activities appropriate to the pupils' needs and stages of development

A typical sessions may include:

Team games, den building, using tools, snack time around a camp fire, outdoor art, etc.

Class Assemblies

I shall be sharing a list of class assemblies for this term in next week's newsletter.

Important dates this term

Date	Activity
Tues 16 th Jan	5/6G Viking Afternoon
Wed 17 th Jan	KS1 and KS2 Enrichment Group trip to Todmorden library
Thurs 18 th Jan	Year 1 Multi-Skills-Todmorden Sports Centre
Tues 23 rd Jan	Governors' Award assembly 9:10am
Thurs 1 st Feb (weather permitting)	Rescheduled cross country event 1pm at Todmorden Park
Thurs 8 th Feb	Reception Mini Olympics - Todmorden Sports Centre
Thursday 8 th Feb	E-safety parents' meeting @ 4:30pm
Friday 16 th Feb	School closes for Half Term
Half term holiday	
Mon 26 th Feb	School Reopens
Mon 26 th Feb	KS1 Zoo Lab (morning)
Thurs 1 st Mar	World Book Day
Wed 7 th - Fri 9 th March	Year 6 Residential - Anderton Centre
Thurs 15 th March	KS2 swimming gala
Fri 16 th March	4/5C trip to Manchester Museum
Fri 16 th March	Enrichment Group trip to Central Library Halifax and the Piece Hall
Wed 21 st March	5/6G Jodrell Bank Trip
Thurs 29 th March	School closes for Easter
Easter Holidays	
Mon 16 th April	School Reopens

INSET Days

Please note the school will be closed on Thursday 3rd May in the Summer term for an INSET Day and on Monday 7th May for the Bank Holiday. Thank you.

PFA update

A plea for new members to join our successful and hard-working PFA:

Our PFA put on some wonderful events throughout the school year and raise much-needed funds for school. I would like to say a huge thank you to Amanda Beaumont and Emma Fiedler who after serving on our PFA for seven years, will be leaving the team. We are always looking for new members and would be very happy to hear from anyone who can give some of their time to this worthy cause. Please contact the office if you think you can help.

Christmas Fair:

Thank you to everyone who helped out or attended our fabulous Christmas Fair at the end of last term. I am pleased to inform you that we raised a super £598.60 after expenses! Well done! ☺

Enterprise Total:

Well done to all of the children and staff who worked extremely hard to create wonderful Christmas crafts for sale at the fair as part of an enterprise project. The total raised was £295.40.

PFA events this term:

We have set a provisional date for the Valentine's Disco on 15th February, however this is yet to be confirmed. We are also planning to organise an Easter bake sale and will let you know once a date for this has been agreed.

Contact Details

Please ensure that the office has the completed Emergency Contact Form to ensure we hold the correct information for your child.

Attendance

The best attending classes this week were:

In KS1: 1C with 99.2%.

In KS2: 4/5C with 99.7%.

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