



School Newsletter

October 18th 2018

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends

What an amazingly positive start to the new school year!

After a frustrating summer of working around builders completing the fire compliance work, believe me we really did wonder if we'd be open on time, the school is starting to get back to looking its best. Just a few bits of 'snagging' to be finished in October break and we should be perfect!

The children have had an exciting term as well- the residential in Whitby for Year 6 being an amazing highlight- the photos on the website are well worth a look. The writing that the children have done in response to the visit is truly awesome.

Thank you once again for all the support we have received from parents this term, the way parents support the school on so many different levels really is a key part to making the school work so well.

I'm not going to annoy anyone with comments like, 10 weeks till Christmas, but when an order form for the school Christmas tree lands on your desk it's hard to keep next term out of your thoughts. Wishing all a nice October break,

Mr Ed Whitehead

Headteacher



It was lovely to see so many parents, carers & friends at Church today for our Harvest Festival service. All donations will be given to the Welcome Project which provide much needed support in our locality. Further information about their work and how you can offer help can be found on their website www.welcomeproject.org.uk

New After School Kids Club

We began this new venture in September and are pleased with the take up of places so far. The club runs Monday to Friday 3.15pm - 5.45pm, places booked and paid for half termly in advance are charged at £8.00 per session but one bookings are taken at a cost off £8.50 per session. The children take part in variety of activities and also have a light snack provided. If you would like further information or wish to make a booking please call the School Office.

The team recently ran a pizza making session using the pizza oven in the playground which proved a real success and something which they hope to do on a regular basis going forward.



The cost of a school meal remains at **£1.70 per day/£8.50 per week**. Dinner money should be handed to the class teacher on a Monday for all meals that week. Cheques should be made payable to Bradford Council with your child's name on the reverse - please only use the brown dinner money envelopes available from the school office. Please **do not use the online payment** system to make dinner money payments.

If you would like to pay for the full half term (29/10/18 - 18/12/18) the cost is £62.90. If your child is taking part in any of the residential/class visits please deduct from this amount.



We shall once again be supporting this appeal and raising funds for the British Legion. Year 6 will be selling poppies at break time from Monday 29th October. If your child would like to purchase a poppy please send them with a small donation for the collection box - Thank you

School Refurbishment

Whilst we are extremely fortunate to have such a lovely school building, it does require constant upkeep which can be quite expensive. Over the summer we were fortunate to receive funding to enable us to replace internal windows and fire doors. There is some decoration and repair work still to be carried out and this is due to take place over the half term holiday.

We would like to express our thanks to New Coley Nurseries who continue to offer support with the planting & maintenance of beds and planters around school. There is quite a lot of upkeep involved with the beds & planters around school so if you have time to spare and would like to get involved we would love to hear from you.

Once all the internal work is complete we hope to be able to invite parents & carers into school to have a look at the changes.



As you may be aware, we put out a call for help with rebuilding up our stock of artificial Christmas trees, decorations & Nativity costumes following damage over the summer. New storage is being built in the cellar over half term so if you are able to donate any items we would be most grateful if these can be brought into school towards the end of October.

News from the Bronte Academy Trust

We are working closely with Haworth & Oakworth to provide activities for all children within the Trust. A series of sporting events is planned over the next few months and we are also looking to provide activities for pre-school children - more information about this venture, Bronte Babies, on the PIW page on the school website.

Over the year we will bring you updates about Trust activities and news from the other two schools.

A message from Mrs G Holland, C.E.O of the Bronte Trust

Hello Bronte Families

It is lovely to see the children in our Trust return to school in September ready for their next year in their primary school life. Last year was a very productive time for us as we got to know each other properly, shared good practice and continued to build on each of our school's successes. Our strength is in working together so we have all the expertise and resources to ensure your children access the best opportunities.

I look forward to seeing all our families at various events over the year. Come and have a chat to me if you see me; your input and involvement would be much appreciated.

Kind regards
Mrs G Holland

A message from Mrs P Howe, Headteacher at Haworth

Hello, it has been my first half term as the Head of Haworth and I feel very lucky to have been so very welcomed by all, I can honestly say I feel as though I have been here much longer.

Haworth children have been on some very exciting adventures this first half term. We have had a visitor causing a mess (a very naughty dinosaur!) in Reception, nursery children learning song about owls and some fantastic visits to launch our exciting topics. We are looking forward to our October break for a rest and wonder what other exciting learning our staff have in store for the Haworth children.

A message from Mrs J Mayo, Headteacher at Oakworth

Hello from all of the children and staff at Oakworth!

This term, we have welcomed three brand new teachers into our school, who are really enjoying getting to know us all. Everyone has settled happily into their new classes and already there is lots of fantastic and exciting learning taking place through our Creative Curriculum topics. Lots of children are also busy with after-school clubs and activities along with their Bronte Buddies - last week's friendly Handball competition was absolutely brilliant! We look forward to more Bronte Academy Trust adventures soon.



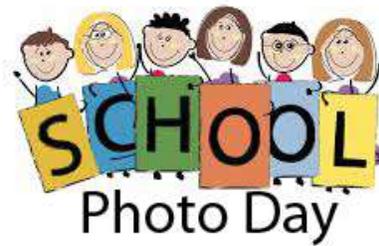
Year 6 Residential to Whitby, September 2018

This was a first for our school, a move away from the Outdoor Adventure centres and a Residential visit with self-led activities focusing on the culture and history of the area. We stayed at the Youth Hostel up on the cliffs with views out to sea and of the Abbey. The programme was jammed packed - searching for Whitby jet and eating fish & chips on the beach, a walk around the town and an evening with a wonderful storyteller, an evening at the harbour with crabbing lines, a boat trip along the coast line and a visit to the Eden Camp on our way home.

After the half term we have more residential visits, Year 4 & 5 will be visiting High Adventure and Year 3, Nell Bank. Whilst the children benefit enormously from these visits, we understand that there is a cost & are extremely grateful to parents/carers for their support with this programme of visits. We do work hard to ensure that costs are kept as low as possible and we are grateful to the staff who accompany children on these visits giving some of their time for free to help us do this. The programme for 2019-2020 is currently in the planning stage but we will ensure that at least 6 months notice is given in order that cost of these visits can be spread over several months.

Open Morning for New Parents

There will be an Open Morning on **Wednesday 7th November 9.30am - 11.30am** for Parents/Carers with children due to start school in September 2019. If you know of anyone who may be interested please do let them know about this event.



The photographer will be in school on the morning of **Tuesday 6th November 2018** to take **individual & family group photographs**. Family groups who wish to have photographs taken with older or younger siblings who do not attend Lees Primary should arrive at 8.00am to take advantage of this opportunity.

All children and sibling groups who attend the school will have their picture taken. If you **do not** wish to have your child photographed please inform us in writing. There is no obligation to purchase the photographs.

Parent Evenings

These were very well attended this year with 99% of children represented, so thank you for your support. The Book Stall was very popular and raised over £120 in commission which allows us to purchase books for the classrooms & library. Thank you to FoLees for their kind donation which has allowed us to purchase even more books.

Year 6 would like to thank everyone for supporting their refreshment stall which raised £156.35 which is used to help fund their end of school celebration events.

Parental Involvement Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Coffee Afternoon for Macmillan helping to raise a fantastic £117. Our Coffee Afternoons will continue once a month on Fridays in the Library at 2.15pm. Please come along for a chat, to find out what's happening in school and to enjoy a cuppa and slice of cake.

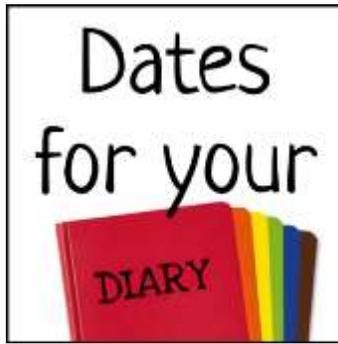
Lees Library is as busy as ever. You can visit before and after school Wednesdays to Fridays as well as the children visiting on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

The Book Fair we have held this week has been a success & allows us to purchase lots of new books for the library - thank you for support.

The climbing wall is also very popular, being enjoyed by children during Lunchtime and by the After School club.

We are currently running a competition to encourage the children to write a poem or draw a nature themed picture following the kind gift of the beautiful book 'The Lost Words' from Get Out More. Please visit the Library to take a look.

Please check out the PIW page of the school website for more information and thank you for all your support - Mrs. Corrigan.



The next half term is always very busy in the lead up to Christmas. New dates are constantly being added to the calendar and we would ask that you regularly check the Events Page on the School website for up to date information. Please also inform the School Office of any changes to mobile numbers so we can ensure you continue to receive our text messages.

Please find below important dates for your diary -more information about specific events will follow. The calendar on the school website is updated weekly with new dates.

Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2017	
Sat 27 October	Event at St James' Church Cross Roads - Two Rivers Swing Band 7.30pm. Tickets £6.00 each
Mon 29 October	School opens 8.55am
Tue 30 October	Nell Bank Information Session for Year 3 @ 3.30pm
Wed 31 October - Fri 2 November	Year 4 & 5 Residential Visit to High Adventure
Tue 6 November	Individual School Photos - am Flu Immunisation Years Reception-Year 5 - pm
Wed 7 November	Open Morning for Reception intake September 2018
Thurs 8-Fri 9 November	Y3 Residential Visit to Nell Bank
Sat 10 November	Autumn Fair at St James' Church 11.30am - 1.30pm
Sun 11 November	Remembrance Service at St James' Church 9.30am followed by Act of Remembrance at the Memorial in Cross Roads Park at 10.50am
W/c Mon 12 November	Bible Week, Years 3-6. Details to follow
Mon 12 November	FoLees Non Uniform Day - in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre tombola
Fri 16 November	Children in Need
Sat 24 November	FoLees Christmas Fayre
Tue 11 December	Nativity Performances afternoon & evening YR-Y2
Thurs 13 December	Christmas Pantomime - thank you to FoLees for funding this event
Fri 14 December	Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Dinner
Tue 18 December	Church Service - details to be confirmed.
	School closes 3.15pm
Thurs 3 January	School opens 8.55am