



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents and Friends

As we approach Christmas and the end of term, I can't be the only one wondering where the Autumn term and indeed the last 12 months have gone!

This term has been so packed with, residential, trips, nativities, forest schools and sports events to say nothing of English, maths and the rest of the curriculum, it seems to have gone by in a flash.

Before and after school clubs continue to go from strength to strength; do remember we generally do have capacity to help out short or longer term if needed, just call the school office to make a booking.

At the end of this term we shall be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Hey who has worked at Lees for over 25 years. She will be known to many of our families past and present and will be very much missed by the staff and children here at Lees. We shall also be sorry to say goodbye to Miss Turner who is leaving her role as a Learning Support Assistant to start a new venture. She will remain as our Breakfast Club manager so you will still see her around school if attending this club. Finally, Miss Green who has been teaching three days a week in Year 1 since September, leaves us to start out on a new adventure. Come January, we will be welcoming back Mrs Lister French who will work alongside Miss Grayson in Year 1.

Our end of term church service will be held at 9.30am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at St James' Church. This is always a lovely way to finish off the term and a wonderful occasion for our families and friends to come together. On behalf of all the staff at Lees I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and All Good Wishes for the New Year.

Mr E Whitehead      Headteacher



## Contact Details

Can we please remind parents to update school with any changes to their contact details. This is particularly important with regard to mobile phone numbers which are used for our text messaging service.



## School Dinner Money - Years 3 - 6 - Price Increase

The cost of a school meal will increase from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The new prices are **£1.80 per day, £9.00 per week**. For parents wishing to pay for the 1<sup>st</sup> half term (6 weeks/2 days) the cost is **£57.60**. For those wishing to pay for the full Spring Term (13 weeks/2 days) the cost is **£120.60**. Please can we remind parents to use the dinner money envelopes which are available free of charge from the school office. Cheques should be made payable to Bradford Council. Please write your child's name & Lees Primary School on the back of the cheque. **ALL meals must be booked and paid for on the Monday of the week they are required.**



## Charity Collections

Thank you to all our parents and friends who contributed to the recent charity collections for Save the Children at the Nativity performances and on Christmas Jumper Day. The total raised to date is **£276.00**.

### News from the Bronte Academy Trust

Merry Christmas from all of the children and staff at Haworth! This term we have taken part in some excellent sporting activities alongside our Bronte buddies, had a non-uniform day and cake sale to raise money for Children in Need and had a fantastic, whole school themed topic on WW1. Our newly appointed Junior Trustee children (look out for the children wearing purple jumpers) had their first meeting to discuss shared projects across the three schools- more to follow about those.

We hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year.

Kind regards

Paula Howe

Merry Christmas from all of your Bronte Buddies at Oakworth! We have also enjoyed a busy term of learning; with trips to Lockerbie and Winmarleigh for our older children and lots of fun in our topic 'Wow Starts' and 'Fab Finishes'. Our U9 football, Boccia and Sportshall Athletics teams have all reached the Bradford Winter Games finals and we have taken part friendly Bronte schools' competitions in Handball and Archery, which were brilliant. The term has been rounded off with fantastic Christmas performances from our Early Years' children and we are all looking forward to our traditional Carol Concert in the church next week.

See you all for more learning adventures in 2019

Jenni Mayo

### School and P.E Uniform

Can I please ask parents to check that their child's uniform complies with our School Uniform Policy. This can be viewed on the Parent Page of the school website. Please be aware that children must wear school shoes and not trainers and if your child has pierced ears, only small plain studs are permitted for safety reasons.

### Admission to Primary School September 2019

Parents with children born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 should now apply for their child to start school in September 2019. The online admission system is open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Full details of the admission arrangements can be found at

[www.bradford.gov.uk/education](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/education)



## Adverse Weather Conditions

We would like to remind parents of the systems in place should we need to close school due to adverse weather conditions.

1. A text message will be sent to the parent listed as the main contact (Priority 1). Can we ask parents to ensure we have the correct number on file and to forward this message onto any other of their child's contacts who may need to be informed. We will also post updates on the school website/facebook/twitter.
2. A full list of school closures can be found on the Bradford Schools Online web site.
3. The school closure will be announced on the following radio stations.  
BBC Radio Leeds ( 92.4 FM / 95.3 FM)  
Pulse Radio (97.5 FM / 102.5FM)

### News from Mrs Corrigan, Parental Involvement Worker

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Pumpkin competition earlier this term in partnership with the Spar in Haworth. They have asked for our help again, so please look out for some beautiful snowflakes on display in the store. As a thank you they are donating some snacks & treats for our children's Christmas parties.

Next term will see the return of our Coffee Afternoons in the Library. These will take place once a month on a Friday - details will be sent out in the New Year.

Our School Council is now up and running, they have lots of positive ideas which will benefit the school and children. Watch this space for news and updates.

We have booked some Road Safety & Pedestrian sessions with the Road Safety Team from Bradford Council, which will take place next April. These sessions are a great way for the children to gain practical advice to help keep them safe. More details will be sent home nearer the time.



## Diary Dates

New events are regularly added to the calendar so please check the Events Page on the School website for up to date information.

Autumn Term 2018 / Spring Term 2019	
Mon 17 December	Years Reception, 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Tue 18 December	Church Service, 9.30am St James' Church. Family & friends invited to join us.  Years 3-6 Christmas Parties  School closes 3.15pm  Carols around the Village Tree 6.30pm (Village event)
Sun 23 Dec	Carols by Candlelight, Hall Green Baptist Church @ 6pm
Mon 24 December	Christingle Service at St James' Church 3pm
Thurs 3 January	School opens 8.55am
W/c Mon 28 January	Local History Week - details to be confirmed.
Thurs 7 February	Year 1 Visit to Hindu Temple
Fri 15 February	School closes at 3.15pm for half term.
Mon 25 February	School opens at 8.55am
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
Thurs 13 March	Year 3 Visit to Buddhist Temple
Fri 15 March	Red Nose Day
Wed 20 March	Year 4 Visit to Sikh Temple
Mon 25 March	Year 5 Visit to Mosque  Parent Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wed 27 March	Parent Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Mon 1 April	Year 2 Visit to Synagogue
Fri 12 April	School closes at 3.15pm for Easter
Mon 29 April	School opens at 8.55am
Tue 30 April	Year 2 Visit to National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield.