Happy New Year to all our children & families

Term dates for 2019-20 are now available on the school website. Please be aware that if you view the dates on your mobile phone, it may not display them correctly. Always check using a computer/tablet to ensure that they are displayed correctly.

Events this term
- Thursday 17th January PTA Meeting 8pm
- Monday 28th January Y1 & 2 Toy Workshop
- Tuesday 5th February Y3 Visit Bankfield Museum
- Monday 11th February Parents’ Evening
- Tuesday 12th February Whole School Health Day
- Wednesday 13th February Parents’ Evening
- Thursday 14th February Close Half Term
- Friday 15th February Closed Training Day
- Monday 25th February Re-open
- Friday 15th March Closed Training Day
- Friday 12th April Close Easter

Bronze Award Winners
Very well done to all the children who received their Bronze Awards at the end of last term. The children work towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards throughout the year, with rewards at each stage. There will be a big treat for all those that achieve the Gold award in the Summer.

Some of the Bronze Award Winners proudly displaying their badges.

Year 6 National Tests
The tests for Year 6 children will take place from 13th-17th May. The children need to be in school for all of that week as the tests have to be taken on specific days. Mr Walker will discuss the tests with the Year 6 parents at our parents evenings later this term.

Overgate Hospice have sent their thanks for the £262 raised on Christmas Jumper Day. They thoroughly appreciate the support this provides for all the services that Overgate offers.

Hollywell Green School PTA
The next meeting is on Thursday 17th January at 8pm in the school. New members of the committee are always welcome, with fresh ideas for events and fundraising activities.
GET TO KNOW THE GOVERNORS
Andrew Brier – parent governor with a child in Y5. A Fire Officer in Greater Manchester
Andy Read - a co-opted governor who works for Lloyds Bank
Andrew Walker – staff representative
Carol Fryer – a co-opted governor who works for Lloyds Bank
Francis Healey – a parent governor with a child in Y5. Francis works as a Tax Inspector
Helen Kirwin – a co-opted governor who is a teacher of the visually impaired
Justin Hirst – a co-opted governor & former parent who works for Lloyds Bank
Sophie Newton – a parent governor with children in Reception & Y3. Sophie works as a G.P.
Su Halliday – a Local Authority governor & former headteacher who lives in the village.
Karl Ward – a parent governor with a child in Reception. Karl is a Police Officer in Greater Manchester

As well as attending meetings that look at the standards of education, well-being of the pupils, finance, personnel and maintenance of the premises, all governors make a commitment to take up training opportunities to develop their skills a governors.
One other important aspect of being a governor is visiting school to actually see the work of the staff and children so that they are well informed for when decisions have to be made.

ATTENDANCE
Well done to the 55 children who achieved 100% attendance last term. Classes R, 1, 2 & 6 all had 9 children with 100% attendance.

Class 1 had the best attendance with a figure of 98.2%.
Class R 96.1%  Class 2 96.9%
Class 3 97.3%  Class 4 96.8%
Class 5 97.4%  Class 6 96.9%

Good attendance ensures that the children will make good progress with their learning, having an impact on their future success through school and when they move to high school.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL
Please when parking at the start or end of the day, be considerate to our neighbours. Unfortunately I do receive complaints from neighbours about blocked driveways and sometimes verbal abuse from parents/carers towards them. It only takes a little courtesy to ensure that everyone can drop off & collect their children safely.

ABSENCE
If your child is ill and unable to come to school please telephone school by 9.15 am so that we are aware of the reasons for the absence. This ensures that we know where your children are and that they are safe.