



LEES PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents and Friends

Another term complete; it seems amazing we are already more than half way through the academic year! The start of the new calendar year has been as exciting as ever not least with our local history week. We all learnt so much about the school; especially from the ex-pupils and staff who visited us. Who knew we had housed a school from Guernsey during WW2, that there had been a plan to remove 'the tower' as recently as the 1980s or what 'the snow flags' were... A special thank you to the parents who supported school during the week, how some families managed to provide their children with 5 different costumes, one for each era they studied is beyond me!

Each of the classes continue to work hard; the excitement in Year 1 when they found a tiger loose in the classroom was brilliant!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Parents Evening soon after the holidays.

Mr E Whitehead
Headteacher



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March 2019

To celebrate World Book Day, children may come to school on the above date dressed as a character from their favourite book or in a costume linked to our school theme, Knights and Castles. Full details of our day's activities are on the Class Page on the school website.

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday 26th March 2019. Please note there is no obligation to purchase.



Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March 2019

Letters about fundraising activities for Red Nose Day will be sent home before the half term holiday. As well as a non-uniform day we are also planning a red themed tombola, so if you have any red items that you can donate for this, please hold onto them. Thank you

Parent Evenings - Monday 1st & Wednesday 3rd April 2019, 3.30pm - 6.30pm

**Please note this is a change of date from the last Newsletter*

The online booking system will open at 10am Monday 11th March 2019 and will close at 10pm Wednesday 27th March 2019. Full details of how to book appointments are on the Parent Page on the school website.

As well as the Year 6 refreshment stall, there will also be a 'Book People' stall selling discounted books and a FoLees second hand uniform sale.

School Dinner Money – Years 3 – 6

The cost of a school meal increased on the 1st January 2019 to £1.80 per day/£9.00 per week. Dinner money envelopes are available free of charge from the school office – please do not use these for anything other than dinner money as they are sent straight to the School Kitchen. Cheques should be made payable to Bradford Council, with your child's name & Lees Primary School written on the back. **ALL meals must be booked and paid for on the Monday of the week they are required.**



Whole School Visit – Tuesday 2nd July 2019

This will be the 6th year we have successfully run a whole school visit during the summer term. Last year we had a wonderful day at St Annes which the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed. In light of all the positive feedback from parents and children about this visit, we have decided to return to St Annes again this year. Further information will be sent home after the half term holiday.



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

Hello, I thought this would be a good opportunity to update you on events I have planned after the half term holiday. There will be a Coffee Afternoon Friday 22nd March from 2.15pm in the Library, please do call in for a chat and a treat. I have also arranged a Book People Book Fair at the Parent Evenings on the 1st & 3rd of April. They have a good range of books which are heavily discounted and the commission raised helps to purchase books for the classrooms and library. We shall also be holding Road Safety sessions for children in school just before the Easter holidays, further details will follow.

Finally, we are looking for adult volunteers throughout school to listen to readers and also for volunteers to help out in the library. If you are interested, please give me call in the afternoons or call into the library where you will find me most mornings.

News from the Bronte Academy Trust

Is it really nearly half term? The time has whizzed by since the last holiday because all our schools have been so busy! I had a fabulous evening at Lees for the local history week and am always welcomed into classes across the schools by the children and staff to see the wonderful things being done. I know we have events and parents evenings at Haworth & Oakworth this week and I hope to see some of you at these. Hope you have a restful half term break, when it arrives; roll on the lighter evenings!

Mrs G Holland
C.E.O.

Hello to our Bronte Buddies at Haworth and Lees!

We have all enjoyed a busy start to the New Year here at Oakworth. Year 1 kicked off the term by entertaining us with an African Drumming workshop and then re-created a bustling Gambian market in their own classrooms. We have also had two fabulous class Assemblies, to showcase Creative Curriculum learning about The Romans (Year 4) and Heroes (Year 2). Year 6 had fun at the Alhambra pantomime last month, proudly supporting the brilliant performances of our two Oakworth Sunbeams and our Early Years classes have been exploring our planet from all angles- learning what lies under the sea and what can be found up in space.

Never a dull moment!

Hello from all of the children and staff at Haworth!

This half term has absolutely flown by.

Year 5 had a great time in Robinwood on a 3 day residential stay. Lots of fabulous memories were made as they took part in activities such as; climbing, archery, the trapeze and a dip in the terrifying Piranha Pool!

Our classes have been involved in some fabulous creative learning, which involved some secret missions to destroy the temples of Jerusalem (Worry not- just like the Maccabees, we reclaimed and rebuilt them) and some Rocky Road making...and sampling!

Also, we were very proud of our winners of the dodge-ball 'sportsmanship' award- a good time was certainly had by all.

Next half term, some of our children will be taking part in a musical concert alongside our Bronte buddies.

Diary Dates



The calendar is updated regularly with new events, so please check the Events Page on the School website for up to date information.

Spring Term 2 / Summer Term 1	
Friday 15 February	School closes at 3.15pm for half term.
Monday 25 February	School opens at 8.55am
Thursday 28 th February	Year 2 Cake Sale
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Thursday 13 March	Year 3 Visit to Buddhist Temple
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 March	Year 4 Visit to Sikh Temple
Monday 25 March	Year 5 Visit to Mosque
Tuesday 26 March	Class Photographs
Friday 29 March	Coffee Afternoon
Monday 1 April	Year 2 Visit to Synagogue
	Parent Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 3 April	Parent Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Friday 5 April	FoLees Discos
Friday 12 April	Easter Assembly at St James' Church @ 9.30am - family & friends welcome. School closes at 3.15pm for Easter
Monday 29 April	School opens at 8.55am
Tuesday 30 April	Year 2 Visit to National Coal Mining Museum, Wakefield.
Monday 6 May	School Closed May Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 May	Year Reception Visit to East Riddlesden Hall
Friday 10 May	Year 3 Mayan Workshop
Week Commencing Monday 13 May	SATs Week
Friday 17 May	Year 5 Cake Sale
Wednesday 22 May	Year 5 Visit to Saltaire
Friday 24 th May	School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 3 June	School opens at 8.55am