



Worth Valley Primary School

Key Dates:

Mondays

Continuation of kickboxing after school club

3.00 – 4.00pm

Tuesdays

Choir has now been moved to a lunchtime—please ask to speak to Mrs Dobson if you require further information

Wednesdays

Continuation of cricket club—3.00—4.00pm

Fridays

Continuation of morning fitness club 8.00—8.45am

Dodgeball club 3.00—4.00pm—limited places are still available—please speak to Mrs Raby for more information



Thursday 14 February

Valentine's Disco—further information to follow

Week commencing 25 February

Year 6 Bikeability—further information to follow

Thursday 5 March

Pancake sale

Thursday 7 March

World Book Day

Tuesday 19 March

Book Club in school for one week

Thursday 21 March

Year 5 trip to Bolton Abbey—further details to follow



Worth Valley Primary School NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Headteacher's Message



As I write this, I can hear the laughter and excitement coming from the playground as the children are out playing in the snow. That's what childhood memories are all about! Thank you to all our parents and carers for ensuring pupils are well wrapped up and ready for whatever the weather brings!

This week there are a number of important staffing changes to inform you of:

Mrs Hiley has commenced her maternity leave a little earlier than originally planned, and we celebrated her final day yesterday with a surprise baby shower. We hope Mrs Hiley gets some much-needed rest before the new arrival! Mrs Page will teach Year 2 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Mrs Grant will continue to teach the class on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Parents of children in Year 3 will remember that Mrs Potter joined us as a supply teacher on a temporary basis after October half term. We are really pleased to inform you that Mrs Potter has enjoyed teaching the children so much that she has requested to continue to teach Year 3 for the rest of the year. We knew those wonderful Year 3 pupils would win her over before long!

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Gray at February half term. Mrs Gray will be returning to Scotland, as her husband has been offered an unmissable opportunity in developing sustainable offshore energy. We wish Mrs Gray all the very best for the future, and are extremely grateful for everything she has done to educate and support the children in Year 4. Mr Pav Mahfooz will join the team after February half term as Year 4 class teacher.

And finally, we would like to thank Mr Weston for volunteering in school over the past eight years. We wish him well as he looks forward to spending quality time with his family.



Cook and Eat Sessions

Mrs Moyles and Mrs Barnes are organising a Cook and Eat session on Wednesday 13 February, from 2pm-4pm. Parents are invited to come along and join their children in preparing healthy food and developing their cooking skills.

Letters will be sent out to all pupils next week with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The theme for this session will be Valentine's Day



Year 3 Collection Point

Safeguarding is of paramount importance at Worth Valley Primary School, and this is why Year 3 pupils have been collected from their classroom since September. It has always been clear that this arrangement is regularly reviewed; with pupil safety as the main priority. Taking into account Mrs Potter's decision to remain in post for the remainder of the year, alongside how well Year 3 pupils have responded to change, I am happy to modify these arrangements.

AFTER FEBRUARY HALF TERM,

YEAR 3 WILL BE DROPPED OFF AND COLLECTED FROM THE KS2 PLAYGROUND.

What's on at The Sue Belcher Centre

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
ZUMBA 1pm-2pm	ONE IN A MILLION YOUTH CLUB 3.30pm-6.30pm	WELL WOMEN 9.30am-11.30am	ONE IN A MILLION YOUTH CLUB 4-6.30pm	JOB CLUB 10am-1pm	SATURDAY SUPERSTARZ 11am-1pm	
YOUTH CLUB 6.30pm-8.30pm		ALLEY CATZ Line dancing 1.30pm-3.30pm		ECCLESHILL PLAY GROUP 3.30pm-5.30pm		
		TAI CHI 6.30pm-7.30pm				

Please check our face book page for any updates and time changes

Sue Belcher Centre for Hire
We offer a very large spacious main hall
Kitchen with Serving Hatch and Range Cooker
Table & Chairs also Children's Table & Chairs
Baby Changing facilities
Disabled Toilets & Parking
Soft Play Mats
Music can be provided

Halloween Night Party will be coming with lots of family fun, food music, games and a whole lot more!!!

Christmas Parties, Rent our room and ease the pressure of borrowing neighbours chairs.

For any other information on booking the room, please contact Jayne on 07841837198, please leave a message and we will get right back to you.

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Tuesday 5 February—Captain Underpants

Tuesday 12 February—Peter Rabbit

Tuesday 12 March—Hotel Transylvania

Tuesday 26 March—Despicable Me 3

Movie night will finish at 4.45pm.

Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

We were delighted to receive a Literacy Toolkit yesterday from the National Literacy Trust. The resources include activity books, bookmarks and over 100 new books, which will be distributed throughout school and placed in classroom bookcases. Photographed with the Toolkit are Dylan, Thomas and Cora—three pupils who are showing great enthusiasm towards the Reading Championship and have earned their Gold badges.





Attendance

Attendance figures for the last 2 weeks are as follows:

w/c 21 January 2019	
Reception	92.33%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	97.93%
Year 3	93.93%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	95.86%

w/c 28 January 2019	
Reception	87.33%
Year 1	92.67%
Year 2	95.86%
Year 3	93.93%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	94.35%
Year 6	97.93%

A massive well done to Year 5 last week, who earned a non-uniform day for achieving 100% attendance; Year 4 also celebrated reaching over 99% attendance with a longer playtime, hot chocolate and biscuits!

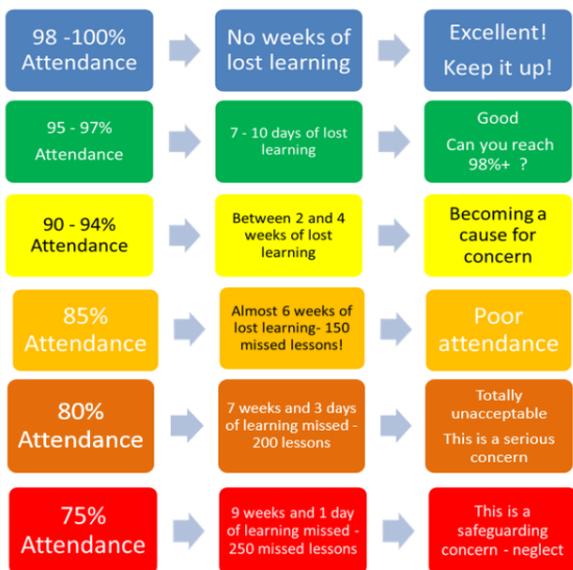
Keep up the good work!

Please phone school to inform us of any absences on 01535 604240

We will continue to work closely to support families of those children whose attendance falls below 90%. In most cases this is known as persistent absence. Our Parental Involvement Worker – Mrs Tonya Barnes – is working alongside the Senior Leadership Team to actively engage parents and families who may be in need of further support.



What Does Excellent Attendance Look Like?
A Guide to Lost Learning through Absence



Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives on time. Some of the most vital learning takes place early in the day.

The school day Starts at 8.45am. Children should arrive at school by 8.40am. The school day ends at 3.00pm – this is the time pupils finish learning for the day – NOT the time they are expected to be ready to go home. If your child arrives after the registers have closed at 9.30am they will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence for the whole morning.



Winter Weather

Please ensure your children are appropriately dressed for the cold winter months: warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves—all clearly labelled. Though coughs and sneezes are more prevalent during cold weather, pupils are still considered well enough to attend school if they have a cough, cold, tummy ache or slightly high temperature.



Worth Valley Primary School Severe Weather Policy and Procedure

We will always endeavour to keep our school open and operating as normal. However, in the event of severe adverse weather, it may be necessary to make a decision to close the school for the safety of the children and staff.

This plan aims to prevent:

- Unnecessary risks travelling to and from school (through good communication)
- The stranding of pupils and staff
- Excessive impact on children's education
- Accidents on the school site

Policy

It is Worth Valley Primary School's policy that we will open on all normal school days, even when some poor road conditions exist. However, in the event of severe or adverse weather, we cannot guarantee that staff will be able to attend school. Therefore, a decision to close or restrict School and Nursery opening may have to be made. It is likely that we would have to close our Nursery and Pre-School classes if we have heavy snow or severe ice, due to the high legal staffing ratios required for non-compulsory school age children. Many of our teachers travel some distance to the school and we simply would not have sufficient staff to open Nursery or Pre-School should road conditions prove difficult.

Decision

The decision to open or close the School and Nursery will be taken by the Headteacher and School Business Manager in collaboration with the Chair of Governors, and will be made by 7.15am. This decision will be based on an inspection of the school site with the Site Manager, an analysis of road conditions around the school and consideration of the BBC weather forecast for the rest of the day. Parents and carers will then be advised that the School and Nursery are either open or closed. Delayed opening will not be considered, as this would not be possible for all our families to accommodate and would not therefore be fair to all.

If the weather conditions are severe enough to force closure, this will be communicated to parents/carers by the following means:

- Via text message and email to parents/carers and staff.
- Through the Bradford Schools Online website: <https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home.aspx#schoolclosures>
- On the school's Facebook page
- On the school's Website

Parents and carers are asked to exercise extreme caution when bringing their children to school and should walk through the school grounds with great care. Staff will do their best to remove snow and ice, however this may not always be possible and parents should be mindful that this will not completely remove the risk of slips and falls. We will relax our normal high expectations of punctuality and no child will receive a late mark. At the end of the school day, children should be collected from their normal exit as usual (unless informed otherwise by our text messaging service). There will be no after-school clubs or staff meetings. Parents and carers who wish to collect their children early due to road conditions or worsening weather may do so from the main office.

On such days, children's access to the school playground and outdoor areas may be restricted for Health and Safety reasons. Parents and carers are reminded to ensure that their children have warm coats, hats, gloves and suitable footwear for the weather conditions.

Communication

Once a decision is made, the school phone system is likely to be very busy and it may not be possible to get through. *Could we ask that parents do not contact school by phone to check if we are open. Please use the forms of communications listed above.*