



Diary Dates

As you are already aware, one of our priorities this year is to develop wider curriculum opportunities throughout school and support learning with more real-life experiences in different contexts. Listed below are the visits and enrichment opportunities we have already booked this year— there will be more added in due course!

Tuesday 22 October	Year 1 visit to Bolton Abbey Festive Walk
Year 2 visit to Bolton Abbey Halloween Trail	Thursday 12 December
Reception visit to St George's Hall—Stickman Performance	Christmas Nativity (Early Years and Key Stage One)
Thursday 24 October	Friday 13 December
Year 4 visit to Buddhaland	Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner
Halloween Disco	Monday 16 December
Thursday 7 November	Whole School Pantomime—Beauty and the Beast
Ready, Steady Pedal—Whole School Cycling Sessions	Tuesday 17 & Thursday 19 December
Friday 8 November	Early Years Visit to Staveley Court
Bradford City Penalty Shootout	Thursday 5 March 2020
Wednesday 13 November	World Book Day
Whole School Photos	Tuesday 17 March
Thursday 14 November	Book Fair in school
Parent's Evening 2-7pm	Tuesday 31 March
Friday 15 November	Easter Service at St John's Church, Ingrow
Children in Need	Tuesday 5 May
Tuesday 10 December	Nursery visit to Nell Bank—Going on a Bear Hunt
Christingle Service at St John's Church, Ingrow	Wednesday 6 May
	Reception and Year 6 class photos



Could we please remind any parents and carers who park on Bracken Bank Crescent to do so considerately and safely. Please ensure you do not block any part of the pavement.



Thursday 21 November -North Pole
Thursday 12 December—Santa Claus the Movie

Movie night will finish at 4.45pm.
Tickets cost £2 and are available from the school office.



Headteacher's Message



What a week!

As you know, we were notified on Monday that Ofsted would be inspecting school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. This was a particularly challenging inspection, given the demands and higher expectations of the new inspection framework. There is now much more of a focus on the curriculum; looking at the extent to which schools ensure that all pupils have access to the full range of curriculum subjects and are learning the skills and knowledge they need in order to develop them as lifelong learners. Reading is also a huge focus; the reason being that pupils who are able to read well are statistically much more likely to be successful in other areas of the curriculum and also throughout life.

Whilst I am unable to share the outcome of our inspection until the final report is published, some things I can share with you beforehand:-

Without exception, your children were an absolute credit to themselves, to the school and to you as parents and carers throughout the whole two days. Though we already know how amazing our pupils are day-to-day, they really shone in terms of conduct, effort, behaviour and being able to articulate their thoughts and opinions about all aspects of school life. A particular mention to Year 6—whose behaviour was described by the Lead Inspector as 'exemplary'.

Yesterday morning it was only right that we relaxed a little bit as a school. Some children chose to watch a film, some played board games, some used the iPads and others chose to colour and draw. This was also to enable the staff to relax a little for the first time in many weeks and acknowledge just how hard the team have worked. Inside this newsletter is a selection of photographs which capture the breadth and depth of learning opportunities our children have enjoyed over the last couple of weeks.

Thank you also to the parents and carers who shared their positive views of school with the inspection team and via the ParentView survey.

Despite the challenges and demands of the many different elements of an Ofsted Inspection, I don't think myself or Mrs Page have ever felt prouder. Worth Valley Primary School is a wonderful place.

Miss Lodge
Headteacher

PS A polite reminder that Reception class, Year 2 and Year 4 all have visits next week—please ensure you have signed permission letters and returned them if you haven't already done so.

The Halloween Disco is next Thursday; tickets are available from the school office until 3.30pm today and cost £1 for Key Stage 1 and Early Years and £2.50 for Key Stage Two.

Attendance

Attendance figures for the last 3 weeks are as follows:

w/c 30 September 2019		w/c 7 October 2019		w/c 14 October 2019	
Reception	91.36%	Reception	74.09%	Reception	93.64%
Year 1	96.77%	Year 1	97.14%	Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	97%	Year 2	95.56%	Year 2	95.67%
Year 3	99.33% ★	Year 3	96%	Year 3	96.33%
Year 4	99.63% ★	Year 4	97.53%	Year 4	95.56%
Year 5	97.2%	Year 5	97.2%	Year 5	99% ★
Year 6	95%	Year 6	94.91%	Year 6	92.92%

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.

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

When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*		

