



Diary Dates



Friday 18 February

School closes for February half term

Monday 28 February

School reopens after February half term

International Day of Hygge—children can wear comfortable clothes (no pyjamas)

Thursday 3 March

World Book Day—children can come to school dressed as favourite book character

Tuesday 8 March

Year 4 parents meeting regarding Multiplication Tables Check 2.30pm

Wednesday 9 March

Movie Night 3-4.45pm

Week commencing 14 March

Science week

Monday 21 March

School book fair in school all week

Wednesday 23 March

Movie Night 3-4.45pm

Monday 28 March

Living Eggs week—Year 1

Wednesday 30 March

Parent's Evening 1-5pm



Wednesday 6 April

Aspirations Day—Whole School

Early Years visit to St John's Church

Thursday 7 April

Y4, Y5 & Y6 water safety talks

Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 2.30pm

Friday 8 April

School closes for Easter holidays

Monday 25 April

School reopens after Easter holidays

Monday 2 May

May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3 May

Reception and Year 6 school photos

Week commencing Monday 9 May

Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 25 May

School closes for Spring Bank holiday

Thursday 9 June

School reopens after Spring Bank

Wednesday 15 June

Y1, Y2 & Y3 water safety talks



Tuesday 26 July

School closes for Summer holidays



Headteacher's Message



I cannot believe we are halfway through the academic year already; time is flying by! It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming our youngest children to school for the very first time, yet on March 1st our Year 6 pupils find out which high school they will be going to in September!

As always, this newsletter contains a lot of important information and key dates. We are busy planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for pupils and those arranged so far are listed on the back page of the newsletter. We will keep you updated as more events and activities are confirmed.

I wanted to take the opportunity to remind all our parents and carers of the importance of punctuality. Our breakfast club provision from 7.45am-8.15am, together with our usual arrival slot of 8.30am-8.50am works extremely well and gives plenty of time for families to arrive safely and punctually.

Despite this, we still have a number of children who are persistently late for school and this is having a significant and ongoing impact on their education. Being punctual shows respect for others and their time; an important character trait to instill in a child.

Children who are regularly late for school miss essential parts of the school day: phonics, maths, the lesson's introduction, important announcements, discussions, questions and explanations. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child because it makes them feel awkward—pupils themselves have told us this.

Research shows that children with consistent school attendance learn more. If children are to fully benefit from the many learning opportunities on offer at primary school, regular attendance is vital. You may think that your child is only missing a few minutes in the morning but a pupil who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of teaching during the year. That's a large number of teaching hours that cannot be replaced. Please support us by ensuring your children arrive at school before the registers close at 8.50am.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 28 February.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will take place on **Wednesday 30 March, 1-5pm**. Consultations will take place in your child's classroom and a team of helpful Year 6 pupils will be on hand to accompany parents and carers to the right classrooms!

Letters containing further information will be sent out early next half term.

Attendance for the last three weeks is as follows:

w/c 31 January 22		w/c 7 February 22		w/c 14 February 22	
Reception	92.3%	Reception	81.9%	Reception	88.5%
Year 1	88.8%	Year 1	89.4%	Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	95.5%	Year 2	90.3%	Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	96.1%	Year 3	97.5%	Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	97.1%	Year 4	92.9%	Year 4	92.6%
Year 5	88.4%	Year 5	89.6%	Year 5	85.6%
Year 6	91.6%	Year 6	92.1%	Year 6	94.3%

At the end of each half term, every pupil who has achieved 100% attendance in that half term are entered into a raffle to win a scooter.

Well done to Mayson in year 4; this half term's lucky winner!

Inevitably, whole school attendance remains well below target this year and the majority of pupils have had at least one absence for many different reasons.

However, whilst most of these absences have been unavoidable, there are 12 pupils who have come to school every single day since September and so have achieved 100% attendance for the first half of the academic year; what an achievement!

Well done to those pupils, who have been rewarded in this morning's assembly with a £10 WHSmith gift card:



Fiaq A	Year 6	Ruben Horner	Nursery
Alexis-Rose Antenbring	Year 6	Aimee Jones	Year 5
Isla Byrne	Reception	Finn Palombo	Year 1
Lucie Gill	Year 4	Louie Palombo	Nursery
Alfie Goodall	Year 4	Lewis Smith	Year 1
Scarlett Goodall	Year 4	Noah Smith	Year 1

International day of Hygge

Making sure we do everything we can to maintain children's mental health and wellbeing is always important; now more than ever. Mrs Richardson, our nursery teacher, has a keen interest in the Danish concept of 'Hygge' and has been looking at ways to incorporate this way of thinking into our everyday lives in school.

Monday 28 February is the international day of Hygge and so on this day, each teacher will provide their class with a selection of Hygge activities to help maintain positive wellbeing amongst our children. Children and staff are invited to come to school in warm, comfortable clothes (not pyjamas) and will be enjoying hot chocolate and biscuits.



School-Led Tuition

Next half term the tuition offer will continue for pupils in years 1 and 6. A small number of year 2 pupils may be offered tuition in order to consolidate and secure their progress in phonics. The feedback we are receiving is extremely positive and we are seeing impact in the classroom. Sessions will continue until Easter and will be reviewed thereafter.

Year 5 Swimming

From Monday 28th February 2022, year 5 will start swimming lessons at Keighley Leisure Centre. Lessons will continue on Monday afternoons every week and the final session will be on Monday 25th July 2022.

Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit every Monday. This should include:

- Swimming costume or shorts. (No two-pieces and no knee-length Bermuda-style shorts)
- A towel
- Long hair should be tied up or plaited
- No jewellery is allowed other than small flat studs in ears.



Swimming is not only an essential life skill, it is a statutory element of the national curriculum and therefore weekly attendance is mandatory.