



Spring Term

24th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a restful half term. It has been lovely seeing all the children back in school this week looking refreshed and rested after their holiday.

Today, eight members of the School Council have attended the Fair and Funky, Fairtrade Conference at Halifax Minster. This annual event is held to raise awareness amongst children of the importance of supporting and enabling farmers across the world, in trading their crops in a fair and equitable way. The Councillors will feed back what they have learned to the school in an assembly later this half term.

Please can I remind you that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters (£1 voluntary donation) and are asked to bring a favourite book in to school to show and discuss with their class. In addition, we will welcome the Halifax-based author Brian Abram, who will be reading his newly published book to our pupils. Copies of Brian’s books can also be purchased on the day for £6.99. Monies raised from the donations, and profits from book sales, will be donated to SIA (Spinal Injuries Association) and ‘Backup’, two charities supported by Brian Abram through the sale of his books. All children making a contribution will be entered into a class raffle to win signed copies of texts by the author.

Mrs C Bullard

<p><b>STAR OF THE WEEK</b></p> <p>The children who have been nominated for the STAR OF THE WEEK this week are:-</p> <p>Reception Class Olivia</p> <p>Year 1 Amelia      Year 2 Idris</p> <p>Year 3 Phoebe G      Year 4 Taryn</p> <p>Year 5 Sulayman      Year 6 Holly</p>	<p><b>SMILE AWARD</b></p> <p>The children who have been nominated for the SMILE AWARD this week are:-</p> <p>Reception Class Sophie</p> <p>Year 1 Maya      Year 2 Scarlett</p> <p>Year 3 Lola A      Year 4 Grayson</p> <p>Year 5 Jake      Year 6 Miley</p>
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**ATTENDANCE CUP FOR THE WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**WINNER— CLASS 4—98.3%**

<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>91.9%</b>	<b>CLASS 1</b>	<b>98.0%</b>
<b>CLASS 2</b>	<b>95.7%</b>	<b>CLASS 3</b>	<b>91.3%</b>
<b>CLASS 5</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>CLASS 6</b>	<b>97.9%</b>

*Nurture and Knowledge Hand in Hand*



## SCHOOL MEALS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Every child should have taken home a letter yesterday regarding the new menus which will come in to effect after the Easter holiday.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there is still quite a quick turnaround time as the kitchen are going to be providing packed lunches and as such, they need to know well in advance what the uptake will be for them to order their relative supplies.

Given this, we have asked that **all reply slips** (whether or not your child will be having a school meal or school packed lunch) with menu cards be back with us by Monday of next week.

Thank you for your cooperation in this instance.



## TEXTING SERVICE

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we introduced our new text service.

Today, a text was sent out to all **families** notifying that it was a test text.

If you have not received a test text, please could you notify the school office of your mobile telephone number for us to update our records and we will once again send a test text to you.

## APPEAL FOR PLASTIC CONTAINERS FOR YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

Could families please send any empty plastic containers (plastic bottles, bottle tops etc) which they have at home in to school. We need them for costumes and props for our Easter production.

Many thanks.

## YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 PRODUCTION 'PLASTIC PIRATES'

Rehearsals are now well under way for the above.

We are planning to send a letter out on Wednesday to parents of children in Years 3 and 4 giving information with regards to booking tickets.

Please look out for the letter midweek.

## PTFA DONATION FROM LLOYDS BANKING GROUP

The PTFA are pleased to announce that they have received £250 from the Branch Implementation Team at Lloyds Banking Group from money raised at their tuckshop. This team are then hoping that as the funds have been paid to a registered charity (the PTFA), Lloyds Banking Group will match this amount and the PTFA will then receive a further £250.

These funds will then be used to buy playground equipment for lunchtimes and replace out of date defibrillator pads in the community defibrillator outside the main entrance to school.

## PE KITS

Just a quick reminder that PE kits should now be in school for the rest of this half term.

We have had quite a few children without PE kits this week.

## WEST YORKSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

If your child was due to be running at Temple Newsam on Wednesday next week, you should have received a letter advising that it has now been postponed until Wednesday 14th March.