



Saltaire Primary School

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OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year at Saltaire Primary School. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to the exciting times ahead. It was wonderful to see our new Reception children arriving for their first days at school, wearing their brand new uniforms. I am so pleased they have settled in well and are getting used to their new environment, the teachers and support staff.



I would like to welcome new children who have joined other year groups in school and welcome new members of staff joining the team this year - Mrs Liddle joins us as our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, taking on Mrs Oates' responsibilities across school. We also have a new Administrative Assistant, Mrs McCarrick, who joined our school just before the summer holidays. We welcome them both and hope they will be very happy at Saltaire Primary.

As we begin the autumn term, we will be engaging our children in their learning journey through our Big Start. This year, we will be exploring festivals around the World, leading up to the Saltaire Festival. Sharon Snaylam, our resident artist is working with our children to create artwork linked to this theme and on Wednesday and Friday next week, we will be joined in school by Bamboo

Tambo – an interactive music workshop, culminating in a fantastic performance in the hall on the afternoon of Friday 14th September. The autumn term is an exciting and busy time and children have already begun their learning journeys. I have provided a list of useful dates below to keep you informed of what is going on and your class teachers will soon provide newsletters about specific activities in your year groups.

This year, we have moved some of our assemblies to the afternoon. This is so that we can get the very best learning time into our morning sessions. As a result, it is even more important that children arrive at school on time so they don't miss any valuable learning time. Please make sure your children are in the playground when the bell goes at 9am so they are ready to line up with their class. Our registers close at 9:05am – should you arrive after this time, please go to the office so your child can be signed into school. This means we can secure our Key Stage 1 building effectively.

Children will soon begin PE lessons and your class teachers will inform you about which days these will take place. Children should come to school on these days dressed in school PE kit. Please can I remind you that this should be blue, black or white shorts or jogging bottoms and a blue t-shirt, in line with our uniform guidance. If children are taking part in a sporting club, they can also come in their school PE kit on that day (no football shirts or different coloured clothing please). PE kit forms part of our school uniform and so it's important that all children wear the appropriate clothing. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any further questions.

This year is set to be another exciting one at Saltaire Primary School and I am so looking forward to working with all the members of our school community. If you have any comments, suggestions or need to discuss concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or your class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr Robert Whitehead
Head of School



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Autumn Term Friday Achievement Assemblies

7 th September	No assembly – Year 3 Circus Workshop	2 nd November	Year 6 assembly
14 th September	Festival Performance in the afternoon	9 th November	Year 5 assembly
21 st September	Achievement assembly	16 th November	Children in Need Assembly
28 th September	No assembly – Individual photographs	23 rd November	Achievement assembly
5 th October	Achievement assembly	30 th December	Achievement assembly
12 th October	Music assembly	7 th December	No assembly
19 th October	Training day	15 th December	Christmas achievement assembly

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
September	
7 th September	Year 3 Circus Workshop
12 th and 14 th September	Bamboo Tamboo workshops
12 th and 13 th September	SEN Surgery with Mrs Liddle
14 th September 2.15pm	The Big Start -Saltaire in the World performance
17 th September 7.00pm	Governors meeting
24 th September 6.30-8.00pm	Induction Evening
25 th September	European Day of Languages
26 th September	Parent Peer Group - Anxiety
26 th September	Year 3 Mask Making Workshop
26 th September	Year 4 Author visit
26 th September	Year 6 to Leeds City Varieties
Friday 28 th September	Individual Photographs
October	
1 st October 9.00am	FOSPS coffee morning
1 st October	Year 2 Dinosaur Workshop
2 nd October	Year 4 Cliffe Castle visit – Egyptian workshop
2 nd October 7.00pm	FOSPS meeting
3 rd October	Year 5 visit to Eden Camp
3 rd October	Parent Peer Group - Anger
10 th October	Parent Consultation 4:00 – 7:30
11 th October	Parent Consultation 3:30 – 5:30
16 th October 1.30-3.00pm	Open Afternoon
Thursday 18 th October	School closes
31 st October	Deadline for secondary school applications
November	
6 th – 13 th November	Book Fair
12 th – 16 th November	Life Education Week
7 th November	Parent Peer Group - Defiance
9 th November	FOSPS Spooky Disco
13 th November 10-11.30am	Open Morning
14 th November	Year 6 visiting the Thackray Museum
14 th November	Parent Peer Group – Parenting Tool Kit
16 th November	Children in Need
21 st November	Parent Peer Group – Stress
27 th November	Parent Peer Group – Social Stories

December	
7 th December	KS2 Dress Rehearsal
10 th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal
11 th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 2:00pm
11 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 7:00pm
12 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 2:00pm
12 th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 6:30pm
13 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 7:00pm
14 th December am	Reception Christmas Party
14 th December pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
17 th December pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
18 th December pm	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
19 th December	Christmas Dinner