



Saltaire Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Saltaire Primary School with exciting times ahead as we begin our work as a federation with Hirst Wood Nursery School. Mrs Stoker and I are delighted to be starting our new roles as Executive Headteacher and Head of School and look forward to working with the children as they approach the exciting challenges of the new school year. It was wonderful to see our new Reception children arriving for their first days at school last week and they have settled in well over the last few days.



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.

Mr Breeze, Year 3 class teacher
Mrs Morrow, Year 4 class teacher

Miss Iqbal, Reception teaching assistant
Miss Islam
Miss Tariq, Cover Supervisor
Mr Feather, Year 3 teaching assistant
Mrs Patchett, Year 1 teaching assistant
Mrs Mowbray, Middle Phase teaching assistant



Throughout the summer, a substantial building project has been completed, developing the old Year 3 cloakroom into a brand-new entrance and office. This wonderful new space has transformed the entrance to the school, providing an attractive and welcoming environment for parents and visitors, enhancing the safety and security of our school building. We hope that you enjoy using this space in the months and years ahead. Office staff are currently preparing to move into the new space so it will officially open in about three weeks. In the meanwhile, please continue to use the existing office as before.



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As a result of this work, you will have gathered that children now enter the building in a slightly different order and through different doors with Year 3 and 4 entering through the lower shed and Year 5 and 6 through the higher shed of the building. My office is now located on the ground floor of the Key Stage 2 building with Mrs Oates and the ECAL hub upstairs.

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in this year's Saltaire Youth Theatre, which ran for two weeks during the summer holidays, ending each week with a performance at the Octagon Theatre in Bingley. The performances were roaring successes with many positive reviews from the audiences. Well done to Miss Walton, Miss Fletcher and their team for pulling together such amazing events.



The autumn term is an exciting and busy time with lots of interesting work planned to stimulate and engage our children in their learning. 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 first week has seen our children working with our artist in residence, Sharon Snaylam to think about the concept of learning journeys and what they mean to us as champion learners. She has been working with the children to create some fantastic artwork representing this theme and children have been asked to make a pledge of what they would like to achieve this year. It will be interesting to see how our children work together to achieve their pledges.

Children will soon begin PE lessons and your class teachers will inform you about which days these will take place. As in previous years, children will be able to come to school on these days dressed in PE kit. Please can I remind you that this should be blue shorts or jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt in line with our uniform guidance (no football shirts or different coloured clothing please). PE kit forms part of our school uniform and so we expect all children to wear the appropriate clothing. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any further questions.

In a few weeks, we will be holding our first 'On Time, Ready to Learn' week of the year. Mrs Stoker, Miss Walton (our learning mentor) and I will be looking out for all children who arrive at school before the bell goes in the morning, showing they are on time, prepared and ready for the day ahead. There will be some great prizes to be won for some of the children who do so throughout the year.

I am so looking forward to working with all the members of our school community as we begin this academic year. If you have any comments, suggestions or need to discuss concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or your child's class teacher.

Mr Robert Whitehead
Head of School

Autumn Term Friday Achievement Assemblies

8 th September	Saltaire Youth Theatre Performance	3 rd November	Year 4 Assembly
15 th September	Achievement Assembly	10 th November	Achievement Assembly
22 nd September	School Council Assembly	17 th November	Year 6 Assembly
29 th September	Individual photographs – no assembly	24 th November	Year 1 Assembly
6 th October	Achievement Assembly	1 st December	Music Assembly
13 th October	Year 2 Assembly	8 th December	Achievement Assembly
20 th October	Year 3 Assembly	15 th December	Christmas Achievement Assembly

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
September	
Friday 15 th	Year 2 Dinosaur Workshop
Monday 18 th	Year 3 Pirate Visitor
Tuesday 19 th	Year 6 Leeds Grand Theatre visit
Monday 18 th	Governors meeting 7pm
18 th – 22 nd	On time, Ready to Learn Week
Friday 22 nd	Reception & Key Stage 1 Bedtime Story Day
Friday 22 nd	4J Visit to Leeds City Museum
Thursday 21 st	Flouride Varnish consent signing 9am
Thursday 21 st	Induction Evening 6:30pm-8:00pm
Monday 25 th	FOSPS meeting 7pm
Tuesday 26 th	European Day of Languages
Wednesday 27 th	4M Visit to Leeds City Museum
Thursday 28 th	Flouride Varnish Application
Friday 29 th	Individual Photographs
October	
Wednesday 4 th	Year 5 Eden Camp Visit
Wednesday 4 th	Year 6 Victorian Day
Monday 9 th	Parent Consultation 4:00 – 7:30
Tuesday 10 th	Parent Consultation 3:30 – 5:30
Tuesday 10 th	Year 6 Guided Tour of Saltaire Village
Wednesday 18 th	Finance & Premises Governors meeting
Thursday 19 th	Nasal Flu immunisation - Reception – Year 4
November	
Friday 3 rd	Family Disco
6 th – 10 th	Life Education Week
Wednesday 14 th	Year 6 Thackray Medical Museum visit
Wednesday 14 th	Governors meeting 7pm
7 th – 14 th	Book Fair
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Monday 20 th	Staffing & Curriculum Governors meeting 7pm
December	
Friday 1 st - 10:45am	KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Friday 1 st - 1:30pm	KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5 th	KS1 Christmas Concert 2:00pm
Tuesday 5 th	KS2 Christmas Concert 7:00pm
Wednesday 6 th	KS2 Christmas Concert 2:00pm
Wednesday 6 th	KS1 Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Thursday 7 th	KS2 Christmas Concert 7:00pm
Monday 11 th - 1:00pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 13 th - 1:00pm	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th - 10:00am	Reception Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th - 1:00pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Friday 15 th	Christmas Dinner