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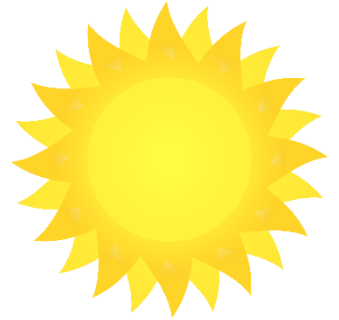


OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

25th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe how quickly this year at Saltaire Primary School has flown by. It only seems a few weeks since we were welcoming everyone back for the new academic year and opening our new office. Over the last seven months your children have been fantastic champion learners and I know they have made amazing progress and learnt so much during that time.



School closes today for the half term holiday and opens again on Monday 4th June.

End of Key Stage Assessments

Our Year 6 children completed their end of key stage assessments (also known as SATS) from 14th – 17th May. The children worked so hard, were calm and collected, and gave their very best effort every day. We were incredibly proud of them all throughout the week. Many thanks to all of the staff who helped to provide such a nurturing environment for the children, in particular, to Mr Evans and Miss Walton for preparing the children so expertly for this important week.

Many thanks also to Mrs Davies and Mrs Noble who have been completing Year 2 assessments throughout May. They have worked hard to ensure that children have not been put under undue pressure, making the process relaxed and informal.

Fond Farewells

Mrs Oates, our Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, will be leaving her post at Saltaire Primary School at the end of the summer term. Mrs Oates is relocating to Cumbria with her husband to start a new business – she is really excited to begin a new adventure, but I know she will miss all of the children and families at our school who she has worked with over the last eight years. Mrs Oates has been a highly valued Assistant Headteacher and SENCO and her work here will leave a lasting legacy for children with additional needs in our school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her much success with her new business.



Last Friday, we said goodbye to Miss Hussain, our administrative assistant. We are very grateful for all of her hard work and support over the last two years. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Hot weather and water bottles

We have all been enjoying the recent sunny weather and the children are loving the opportunity to spend more time outside. Please could you help children to prepare for the sun this term by providing them with sunhats and appropriate clothing. You might also like to apply sun cream before your child comes to school.



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After the holiday, we are changing how we use water bottles in school. We are inviting children to bring their own water bottles from home which can then be sent home on a Friday for washing and brought back on Monday mornings. Many children have fed back that they would prefer their own bottle, rather than one from school. We will continue to hold a stock of water bottles for any child who does not have one and will always ensure that children have access to fresh water.



Sports Day

Our sports day is planned for Wednesday 13th June – please note this is a change of date from previously advised. This year, Key Stage 2 will have their sports day in the morning; Reception and Key Stage 1 will have theirs in the afternoon. A separate letter will follow with further information.

Before and After School Clubs

We take the safety of our children very seriously here at Saltaire Primary School. Part of this is ensuring we know which children have stayed behind for after school clubs. We take a register at each of our clubs, but it really helps us if you can inform us in advance if your child will not be attending one of the sessions. Please can we ask you to let the office know if this is the case.

Transition Events

Following the holiday, we will quickly start to think about preparing the children for their move to the next year group. We will write to you in due course about who your child's next teacher will be. Children will visit their new teacher on the morning of Wednesday 4th July. This is also the day when Year 6 children visit their new schools. We will also provide special talks for parents of children who are changing key stage.

Dogs in the playground

I'd like to politely remind you that dogs should not be brought onto the school premises. Some of our children can be very anxious around dogs and it has been noted recently that some dogs have been seen carried in arms when adults are collecting their children. Although many of us are dog lovers, please can I ask you to be mindful that this is not always the case, including if you need to leave your dog near the school gates.

Residential Bonanza

Spring is definitely the season for Saltaire Primary children to go on residential visits. Since April, our Key Stage 2 children have been on a range of residential visits, including Year 3 to Buckden House, Year 4 to York, Year 5 to Nell Bank in Ilkley and Year 6 to Robinwood.

Many thanks to parents for supporting these residential visits. Although the cost is higher than our regular educational visits, we can see the huge value children get from spending a night away from home and pushing themselves to do new and different things.

Of course, none of our residential visits would be possible without the support and commitment of all of the staff who have taken part this year. Many thanks to every staff member who gave up their time to stay overnight on a residential this term.

I hope you have a wonderful half term holiday and the children get lots of rest and relaxation in the sunshine. See you on the 4th June.

RJ Whitehead

Mr Whitehead
Head of School

