



Saltaire Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We close for half term today and school reopens on Monday 30th October. Thank you for your donations of 50p on non-uniform days. Your donations are much appreciated as they help to support enrichment events, including educational visits.



What a fantastic start to the academic year we have had. In the last few weeks alone, Reception have begun their art project with our resident artist, Sharon Snaylam; Year 1 have visited Cartwright Hall; Year 2 have hosted a wonderful dinosaur museum; Year 3 have been visited by a real-life pirate; Year 4 have created their own mythical creatures; Year 5 have visited Eden Camp to explore life in wartime Britain; and Year 6 have taken part in a wonderful Victorian day, making enough Victoria sponge to feed an army. We can't wait for you to see the learning we have lined up in the weeks ahead.

The Life Education Centre will be back in school from 6th – 10th November and will help us to celebrate 'Healthy Me Fortnight'. During these weeks, we will be focusing on personal, social, health and well-being education. Part of this will include helping children to think about the effects of bullying and maintaining positive relationships.

Thankyou to everyone who came to our recent consultation evenings on 9th and 10th October and to our induction evening on 21st September. They were successful events and it was great to see so many parents there, taking part in handwriting, phonics and maths workshops around school.

Many congratulations to Mrs Mahmood and Mrs Nasib, teaching assistants in school, who both gave birth to healthy babies in the last few weeks. We wish them happiness on the new adventures ahead.

Our new office is now fully operational and available for you to use for your daily school tasks. We hope you find it more secure and accessible. Children should use this entrance into school if they arrive after the doors have closed so that we can register them via our electronic system.

We are sorry that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Brooks shortly after the half term break as she takes up a new position at another school.



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Grandparents' Lunch

Our next grandparents' lunch takes place on Tuesday 28th November – an opportunity for grandparents to visit school and have lunch with their grandchildren. Look out for letters coming out after half term and please remember that places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. The spring term grandparents' lunch will be on Tuesday 27th February 2018 and the summer term will be a grandparents' gardening and afternoon tea on Tuesday 19th June 2018.

Volunteers

Please let the office know if you are interested in volunteering in school – we are happy to accommodate volunteers, subject to capacity in school and a satisfactory DBS check. Application forms are available from the office. After the holiday we will be looking for volunteer librarians to help us with the running of our school library. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in becoming a volunteer librarian, please let us know.

Christmas Concerts and Parties

It's hard to believe but Christmas activities will happen at Saltaire Primary within a few weeks of half term. We will write to you with more details as the time approaches but please do check the dates for your children's events in the list below.

On Time, Ready to Learn

On time, ready to learn week returns on 27th November. We will again be looking for all of the children arriving at school in time for when the bell rings and some more great prizes will be available for arriving at school in time.

Many thanks for your continued support. We hope you have a great holiday.

Robert Whitehead

Mr Robert Whitehead
Head of School



<u>Autumn Term Friday Achievement Assemblies</u>	
3 rd November	Year 4 Assembly
10 th November	Achievement Assembly
17 th November	Year 6 Assembly
24 th November	Year 1 Assembly
1 st December	Year 5 assembly
8 th December	Achievement Assembly
15 th December	Christmas Achievement Assembly

<u>Autumn Term Diary Dates</u>	
Date	Event
November	
Thursday 2 nd 10:00-11:30am	Prospective Parent Open Morning
Friday 3 rd	Halloween Family Disco
6 th – 10 th	Life Education Week
6 th - 17 th	Healthy Me and Switch Off fortnight
7 th – 14 th	Book Fair
Tuesday 14 th	Reception Family Day
Tuesday 14 th	Year 6 visit to Thackray Medical Museum
Tuesday 14 th 7:00pm	Governors meeting
Wednesday 15 th	Year 2 Planetarium
Thursday 16 th 1:30-3:00pm	Prospective Parent Open Afternoon
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Monday 20 th 7:00pm	Governors meeting – Teaching & Learning
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 5 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
27 th -1 st	On time, ready to learn
28 th 12:00-1:00pm	Grandparents' lunch
30 th 3:30-4:00pm	Debating Triad @Saltaire Primary
December	
Friday 1 st December 10:45am	KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Friday 1 st December 1:30pm	KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5 th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 2:00pm
Tuesday 5 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 7:00pm
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 2:00pm
Wednesday 6 th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Thursday 7 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 7:00pm
Tuesday 12 th	Mythical Creatures evening
Tuesday 12 th December 1:00pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 13 th December 1:00pm	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th December 10:00am	Reception Christmas Party
Thursday 14 th December 1:00pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner