



Newsletter Newsletter



November 2018

Teaching and Learning

Welcome back to a new half term where we will be continue to settle children in so that they feel happy, secure and confident in their environment. We will work around areas that encourage children's curiosity and desire to know 'how the world works' as well as following children's own particular interests. We will explain to you what we are doing and how this supports your child's learning - please see the planning displayed outside each classroom. Feel free to ask members of staff about how the experiences and activities on offer support children's growing independence and develop particular skills such as speaking and listening, cooperative play and building and maintaining relationships. Staff work in partnership with children, skillfully and sensitively interacting to support and develop their learning. We also plan 'adult focused' activities for small groups and individuals to support particular learning outcomes which provide a focus for both adult planned activities and for enhancements to our continuous provision. Children have access to both indoor and outdoor areas, and can move freely between classrooms. **Don't forget to take home your copy of the rhyme of the week to share and enjoy. We are happy to provide free copies of the weekly planning - just ask.** The temperature in the classrooms can be variable in winter, particularly as we have free flow access to outside. Please ensure that your child is wearing warm clothes. Gloves and hats for outdoors are essential - please ensure that they are labelled with your child's name. We find that the old fashioned gloves on elastic are best for keeping a pair together!

Parent/carer consultations

We are pleased to be able to offer consultations for January and April 2018 starters on both Tuesday 27th November and Tuesday 18th December. Notices will be displayed outside each classroom, please mark your name against a time slot. This is a valuable opportunity to share your child's Record of Achievement and have time to talk to their teacher. If you are unable to attend any of the times, please speak with the class teacher who will attempt to offer an alternative appointment. Thank you

If we have any parents / grandparents / aunties / uncles who would be willing to come and talk with children about their religious celebrations (Eid, Hanukkah, Diwali) please speak to the class teacher. This would be a fabulous experience for children to learn more about the wider world.

Also any volunteer gardeners would be greatly appreciated.

Come and enjoy a new menu tasting session

On Tuesday 18th December from 3.45 to 5.15pm we invite parents to join us for a tasting session of the new lunch menu. Come and meet Eileen and Graham, our catering team and see what delicious meals will be available to your child in 2019



Tea or coffee afternoons in Willow and Chestnut

Please join us for coffee, tea and biscuits on Wednesday 14th November from 12.45 to 1.30. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents, have an informal opportunity to see your child in the setting and for you to learn more about how the Nursery works.



Don't forget to renew your 30 hour code for January 2018

Volunteers required



Could you spare a couple of hours to help wrap the books that the children receive from Father Christmas? We supply the wrapping paper, selotape, tea/coffee and biscuits. Please let Reception know if you can help. Many thanks from Father Christmas

Dates to remember

Wednesday 14th November

We will be holding a cake sale and all donations will be greatly received.



Friday 16th November - come to school with your favourite teddy bear and wear spots. We will be joining Saltaire Primary School for special Children in Need assembly. Please help to make this a successful event and help us to raise lots of money for this wonderful charity.



Wednesday 12th December

From 1 to 3pm we will be holding a Christmas Fayre. We will have a bran tub, tombola and raffle (donations welcomed please). We will also have Santa's Grotto and tea, coffee, Christmas cake and mince pies.

Also on **Wednesday 12th December** children will be encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper as part of ITV text Santa appeal that suggests £1 donation per child to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer and Make-A-Wish.



Christmas parties will be on **Friday 14th December** for Wednesday to Friday children and **Tuesday 17th December** for Monday to Wednesday children. Signs will go up outside each classroom with details nearer the event asking for your support with catering. Thank you

We close for Christmas on **Wednesday 19th December**.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and our best wishes for a happy new year.



Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd
January ~ training days

School reopens for returning
children on **Friday 4th January**
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