



# Newsletter

November 2019



Welcome back to a new half term. This is a wonderful time of year for children; the awe and wonder of the changing of seasons and Christmas is magical. We have lots of exciting things planned for you and your child to enjoy. We are committed to working in partnership with you and are happy to share our planning and teaching and learning intentions for both inside and outside on a weekly basis. Everything is on the website, outside each classroom, on the noticeboards in Reception and outside) and on our Facebook and Twitter. If your child attends our before and after school Sunshine Club they should have a communication diary and copies of correspondence are also displayed on a noticeboard inside the room on the right hand side. We are happy to have your feedback on our parental involvement as we hope that you will feel as involved as much as possible. We know that parents are the biggest influence on children's lives which is why we place so much importance on the success of our partnership. We know that children's well-being has a significant impact on their learning and development so happy safe children is our primary aim in order to support children's learning and progress. We now have an APP so that you can access all our documents electronically. If you are not receiving copies of emailed correspondence please speak to Caroline on Reception – thank you. We are trying to reduce our carbon footprint by not printing documents but would like to ensure that you are still receiving copies.

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.**

Please don't forget that we are still collecting for Bradford Foodbank – the donation point is in Reception.



### **Stay and learn sessions for parents / grandparents**



Our next stay and learn date is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November with a curriculum focus on communication and language. Please join us for posh pop and biscuits between 9 and 9.30am. For those parents who can't attend a copy of the handout will be sent home for you.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> November

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - come to school with your favourite teddy bear and wear spots. Please help to make this a successful event and help us to raise lots of money for this wonderful charity.



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - ready, steady, pedal sessions in the car park. Please ensure that children are wearing appropriate clothing to participate.



### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

From 1 to 2.30pm we will be holding our annual 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. Last year was a great success with carols playing and both new and ex parents getting together to enjoy the festive spirit.

We look forward to you joining us in the community room.

**Also on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** (morning and afternoon). 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 **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.  
We wish you all a very merry Christmas and our best wishes for a happy new year.



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
training day – school closed

School reopens for returning  
children on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**January 2020**



**Don't forget to renew your 30 hour code for January 2020**

**Parents of children leaving July 2020, your Primary School application window is open from 11 November 2019 until 15 January 2020**