

## Newsletter 7

Dear Parents/Carers

### Arrival at school

Can we please remind parents that children should not be arriving at school before 8.30am. We do not supervise the playground until 8.30am when we open the doors for our staggered entry. Could you please ensure that your child does not arrive before then, particularly children in Year 5 and Year 6 who often walk to school on their own.

### Parent Governor Vacancies

As you know we have two vacancies for Parent Governors on our Governing Board. We were very pleased to receive five applications and there will now be an election. Every parent of a child in school will receive a ballot form and the supporting statements written by the five applicants. You have 2 votes and should vote for the parents that you wish to represent you on the governing board.

### School Uniform

We are very proud of how smart our children look in their Thackley uniform. However, could we please ask that children do not come to school wearing large bows or headbands in their hair. We will not be held responsible for any lost or damaged items. Can we also remind you that children should be wearing black shoes. Any child wearing coloured trainers will be asked to change into black school pumps while in school.

### Young Voices at Sheffield Arena

24 pupils from KS2 had an excellent evening along with five thousand children in the 2018 Young Voices Concert at the Sheffield Arena. The event was truly a magical experience for everyone including the parents who watched in a packed arena. Many thanks to Mrs O'Hora for all her hard work in organising the visit and to Mrs Burdett and Miss Stanworth, Mrs Lang and Mrs Horner and Mrs Harmer for giving up their time to help on the day.

### The Best Singing School in Bradford!

We are delighted to announce that we have won a regional competition which has awarded us the title of 'The Best Singing School In Bradford!' Mrs O'Hora, our Music Leader, entered videos of the whole school singing and the judges were hugely impressed with what they saw. We love singing at Thackley and are proud to be given the title of the Best Singing School in Bradford. Check our Magical Times Blog to see the videos.

### PTA Cosy Pyjama Disco

Our PTA have organised a Cosy Pyjama Disco on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Reception & KS1 disco is 5pm-6pm and KS2 is 6.15-7.15pm. Entry is £2 payable on the door. There will also be a tuck shop, hot dogs and glow sticks for sale. Please note that children may not use mobile phones at the disco.



### Attendance and Punctuality

I am pleased to inform parents that the overall attendance for Autumn Term 2017 was **96.2%**. The national average is 96%. All the children that achieved 100% in the Autumn term have received a certificate of recognition. Our Learning Mentor, Miss Walker will continue to monitor attendance and lateness, offering advice and support for those found to be persistently late for school or whose attendance falls below 90%.

We do appreciate that sometimes a child needs to attend a Hospital or Dental appointment during school time. Please bring the appointment letter to the School Office so that the absence can be recorded as a medical appointment. Can we ask that any other appointments such as Doctor or Eye tests are taken out of school time if at all possible as all appointments do affect your child's attendance percentage.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent days absent	Equivalent weeks absent	Equivalent number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

How does your child's attendance compare with the target?

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## Class Attendance

The Class Attendance winners for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> December ★ 2RO with 98.2% ★

The Class Attendance winners for the week ending 12<sup>th</sup> January ★ 5N with 100% ★

The Class Attendance winners for the week ending 19<sup>th</sup> January ★ 2RO with 100% ★

## Winter Snow Advice



With the onset of winter, the prospect of snow raises the question 'will school be closed?' The decision to close or open during challenging weather conditions is never taken lightly and it depends on the severity of the snowfall and the immediate forecast. Every effort to stay open is made and we will close school only on health and safety grounds if we do not have enough staff able to get into work or if the site is unsafe. It remains at parents' discretion if they deem it safe to bring their children and we are sympathetic to parents if they bring them to school after registration. If we do decide to close school we will inform parents as soon as possible through the school website, our text service, and the Bradford schools online website.

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## Special Mention in Celebration Assemblies

Each class teacher nominates a child to receive a Celebration Certificate in recognition of something they have done that week such as an outstanding piece of work or an excellent attitude to their work. These children are presented with their certificate in a whole school assembly on a Friday and then get their picture taken for Twitter.

Class	14 <sup>th</sup> December	12 <sup>th</sup> January	19 <sup>th</sup> January
RG	★ Humayl Nazar	★ Harley Dolan	★ Eva Limbert
RW	★ Henry Thacker	★ Levi Depass	★ Harry Briggs
1O	★ All of 1O for nativity	★ Aaron Dyson	★ Daisy Fox
1B	★ Harrison Race	★ Frankie Skillicorn	★ Riley-Shaye Walker
2E	★ Sam Moylan	★ Tilly Hargreaves-Tagg	★ Jack Taylor
2RO	★ Samuel Waud	★ Matthew Silva	★ Bradley Henderson
3W	★ Pavan Kaur Sudle	★ Sam Hall	★ Frank Romani
3B	★ Mia Owczarek	★ Zach Hall	★ Ben Roberts
4C	★ Ryan Nichol	★ Millie Barker	★ Jack Firth
4L	★ Grace Branagan	★ Ava Bates	★ Freddie Foxcroft
5M	★ Sam Patchett	★ Isabelle Fazackerley	★ Thomas Sale
5N	★ Ethan Hall	★ Blake Bairstow	★ Sofia Szaboova
6P	★ Carter Melling	★ Ellie Roberts	★ Elliot Green
6C	★ Millie Brewster	★ Megan Zina	★ Millie Brewster

## Diary Dates

More information about these events will be sent in further letters.

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> –Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Problem Solving Company in school
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	KS1 parent Workshop
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	PTA Cosy Pyjama Disco
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day – separate letter to follow
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 London Residential Information evening for parents

**Term ends on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm and doors opens at 8.30am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Yours sincerely

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