



Newsletter 3

15th November 2019

London Residential

Our Year 6 children spent three days in London last week. They saw the School of Rock show, visited the Natural History Museum, spent time walking around London seeing the famous sights, had a boat trip down the River Thames, had a ride on the London Eye, ate at the Rainforest Café and visited the Warner Brothers Studio Tour of the making of Harry Potter. It was a very busy three days! The children had a wonderful time making Happy Memories. Many thanks to the staff team who gave up their time and worked incredibly hard to make the trip so successful.



PTA Disco

The PTA have organised a Disco on Thursday 28th November. Look out for a letter from the PTA with more details.

Reception & KS1 Disco 5pm - 6pm

KS2 Disco 6.15pm – 7.15pm

Rainbow Club

Don't forget that we now offer an extended school day meaning you could drop your child off with us at 7.30am and we can care for them until 5.30pm! Breakfast Club runs from 7.30-8.30am for £4 which includes breakfast. Our after school club is called **Rainbow Club** and opens from 3.00-5.30pm Monday to Friday for £8 per session. Children are offered a range of fun activities and have a snack and a drink. Children can attend any number of sessions on any days but must be booked in advance. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to sign your child up.



Children in Need



Thank you so much for helping us to support this worthwhile cause. Our school council choose the charities we support and this is always a favourite. The children looked great today and the bun sale went down very well! We will announce the total raised on our social media pages when we have finished counting the coins but we think it is nearly £700!!! Well done everyone!

Attendance Procedures

Research has shown that regular attendance and good punctuality are crucial factors in children achieving their full potential in education. This year we want to improve our whole school attendance and have revised some of our attendance monitoring procedures. We are aiming for a whole school attendance of 97% which is above the national average of 96%. We wish to work in partnership with parents and carers and so are seeking your full support in ensuring that your child attends school **every day** and **on time**.



Persistent Absence

Any child with attendance below 90% is considered to be a Persistent Absentee. We are working hard to reduce the number of children whose attendance falls into this category.

Children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind in their school work
- Find it difficult to make and keep friends
- Be unhappy at school
- Misbehave so others cannot see that they are finding the work difficult
- Learn poor attendance habits that follow through into secondary school and employment

Poor punctuality can also disadvantage children in many ways:

- Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning - for example arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year
- When children are late they find it harder to settle into the routine of the day
- When children arrive late they often miss key messages and teaching which continues to have an effect on their learning for the rest of the lesson or day
- Poor punctuality disrupts the class and is embarrassing for the child
- Your child being late disturbs the learning of the whole class

Getting here **on time every day** really is important in helping your child to become a happy and successful learner. Every day really does count!

Reporting Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the School Office by 8.30am. If we do not hear from you, we will launch our First Day calling procedures. This means you will receive a text to remind you to contact us. If we do not get a response, we will then contact all other contact numbers that we hold for your child. If we are still not able to get in touch with you, we may conduct a home visit. If we are still concerned we may contact other agencies such as the Police or Children's Social Care.

Holidays in term time

We are not able to authorise holidays in term time unless in very extreme circumstances. We do know that some families have found holidays are cheaper during term time. To support families, we have arranged our school calendar to allow two weeks off at Spring Bank instead of one. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to book your holiday during the school holidays.

#TeamThackley

Our U9 football team wasted no time in the new half term and went straight to the Bradford Autumn School Games on the first day back after the holidays. Miss Clegg & Mrs Bainbridge were extremely proud of the boys performance at their first ever tournament. They came second place but only on goal difference! Well done Finley, Fynton, Joseph, Keegan, Preston, Evan, Joe & Aston.



Congratulations also go to our Year 6 Ultimate Frisbee team who played amazingly well at the Sports UK competition just before half term. Well done to Harrison, Noah, William, Sam, Erin, Millie, Laila and Larissa.

Sponsored Obstacle Course

Thank you so much to all who supported our Sponsored Obstacle Course. We raised almost £3000 for School Fund which is used to subsidise the cost of residentials and to provide nice things for the children.

Class Assemblies

Year 6 were the first year group to start our class assemblies this week with their fantastic assembly about their London Residential. Each class will perform an assembly throughout the year which you are invited to attend. Class assemblies start at 9am and usually last around 15 –20mins. Here are the dates for the next assemblies.

Tuesday 19th November 2019 - Class 3I Mrs Ingram

Tuesday 26th November 2019 - Class 3B Mrs Bolton

Tuesday 14th January 2020 - Class 4L Mrs Lang

Tuesday 21st January 2020 - Class 4W Mrs Waddington

Tuesday 28th January 2020 - Class 6P Miss Parkes

Tuesday 4th February 2020 - Class 6C Mrs Cutting

Diary Dates

We always aim to give parents lots of notice about school events wherever possible. Here are some diary dates for the Autumn Term. We also share dates on the school calendar on the school website. These may change if necessary and if so you will be notified in future

Year 5 Robinwood Residential	Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th November
PTA Christmas Disco	Thursday 28th November
Non-uniform day in return for tombola donation for our Christmas fair	Monday 2nd December
Christmas Fair	Friday 6th December 3.15-4.15pm
Key Stage One Nativity (Y1&2)	Tuesday 10th December 2.00pm
Key Stage One Nativity (Y1&2)	Wednesday 11th December 9.00am
Lower Key Stage Two Carol Concert (Y3&4)	Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm & 6.00pm
School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 18th December
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 18th December 9.00am
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 18th December 2.00pm
UKS2 Carol Concert (Y5&6)	Thursday 19th December 1.30pm & 6.00pm
School finishes for Christmas Holidays	Friday 20th December 3.00pm
New term begins	Monday 6th January 2020

And finally... If you're looking for something to do this Sunday why not head down to Eccleshill FC to watch our Sports coaching company, Fisical, play a team of celebs including ex pro footballers and stars from Hollyoaks & Emmerdale. Matches start at 12pm and 2pm. All proceeds to children's cancer charity Candlelighters.



Yours sincerely

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Head of School

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