



## Newsletter 6

26th February 2020

### Winter Weather

The decision to close or open during challenging weather conditions is never taken lightly. The decision depends on the severity of the snowfall and the immediate forecast. Although our children live locally and are usually within walking distance to school, many of our staff live much further away so their journey may be more difficult. We will always make every effort to stay open and we will close school only on health and safety grounds or if we do not have enough staff able to get into work to ensure our ratios are met. 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. When the immediate forecast looks positive, we will sometimes still open but with a later start which allows more time for staff and children to make the journey. If we do decide it is necessary to close the school, we will inform parents as soon as possible through our Facebook page, the school website and the Bradford Schools Online website.

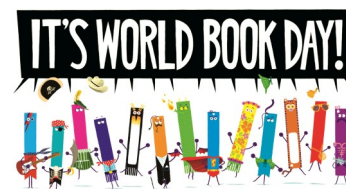


### Save a Heart Day

We had a wonderful response to our Save a Heart Day on St Valentine's Day. We raised a huge £767.95 for the Leeds Children's Heart Surgery Fund. We chose this charity as two of our families in school are currently supported by the LGI Congenital Heart Unit and we know the care they receive is so greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who supported us.

### World Book Day

World Book Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 5th March**. We are keen to make books and reading the focus of the day, not dressing-up costumes, so we are asking children to come to school in their pyjamas for a bedtime story themed day. Please can your child bring a favourite story into school which they will be able to share with children from other classes.



### Diabetes Award

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that we have been awarded the Good Diabetes Care in School Award! The award celebrates and showcases schools that deliver good care and support to children with Type 1 diabetes. A huge well done and thank you to our specially trained team of staff who work so hard to take care of the children in our school who live with diabetes.

## Team Thackley Sporting News

Congratulations to our U11 and U9 Tag rugby teams who competed at the Sports UK Tag Rugby World Cup Competition. Both our teams played amazingly in the near zero temperatures. A special mention to our U9 Team who were overall winners of their tournament and Fynton who was awarded player of the tournament.



A huge well done to our Year 3 Cricket Team who competed in the Sports UK Cricket Festival. The staff were super impressed with the attitude and resilience of the whole team and how well they represented our school.



Thank you to Fisical Sports for hosting a mini football tournament for Under 11 girls. Our girls played fantastically against Baildon Church School, Sandal Primary School and Fisical Girls Academy.

## Safe Parking

Can we remind parents not to park on the zig-zag lines around school. It is very dangerous at bus times and is a traffic offence. We also have a number of parents who are parking on Leeds Road on the bend. This is a dangerous corner and there have been a number of accidents there over the years. We are working closely with the police and council to enforce parking regulations and tickets are being issued regularly. Please park safely and considerately and help us all to keep our children safe.

## Download Our App



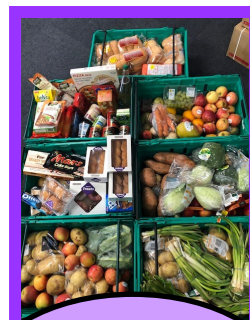
Don't forget we have an app! The **eSchools App** provides us with various ways to communicate with parents including email and messages. Through the app you can also see your child's attendance, see letters we send home, book appointments for parents evening and see the school calendar. We encourage you to download the app as messages sent to parents via this are free so will reduce the school's costs. We are no longer subscribing to our old texting service so this is now our main form of electronic communication.

## Toast

Just a reminder that our kitchen staff sell toast and cartons of juice every morning playtime for children in years three to six. (Our KS1 children already have fruit available at playtime). The toast is 20p per slice and 20p for a carton of fruit juice.

## Fuel For School Market Stall

Don't forget we have a weekly market stall! We receive a delivery of food from Fuel For School every week. This food is surplus food from local retailers which may be past its sell by date but is NOT past its use by date so is still in perfectly good condition. By sending it to us, we can avoid it going to landfill and reduce the massive environmental impact that wasting food has on the environment. It also means we can make a wide range of food available to our families at a greatly reduced cost! We invite you all to come to our Market Stall after school every **Thursday** and buy our food on a 'Pay As You Feel' basis - there are no set prices, just pay what you feel the food is worth!



Please don't forget to bring a carrier bag!

## Cooking Lessons at Hanson

We are delighted to have been invited to use the excellent facilities at Hanson School recently. Our Year 5 and 6 children have all visited Hanson for Cookery lessons in their amazing Technology department and have had a great experience. The children were all able to follow a recipe and learnt some important #SkillsforLife. Year 5 made cheese & courgette muffins and Year 6 made a delicious pasta dish. Many thanks to Hanson for their time and support.



## Class Assemblies

Each class will perform an assembly throughout the year which you are invited to attend. Class assemblies start at 9am and usually last around 10–20mins. Here are the dates for the next assemblies.

Tuesday 17th March 2020 - Class 1B Mrs Bainbridge

Tuesday 24th March 2020 - Class 2E Mrs Eversfield

Tuesday 31st March 2020 - Class 2RO Mrs Rhodes & Mrs O'Hora

## Diary Dates

We always aim to give parents lots of notice about school events wherever possible. Here are some diary dates for the upcoming term. These may change if necessary and if so you will be notified in future newsletters.

Year 4 Whitby Information Evening for parents	Wednesday 4th March @ 6.00pm
World Book Day - wear PJs & bring a book	Thursday 5th March
Sports Relief Day	Friday 13th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 17th March 3.30-6.30pm
Parents' Evening	Thursday 19th 3.30-6.00pm
PTA Mothers' Day Shop	Friday 20th March
Easter Egg Competition (decorate an egg!)	Friday 3rd April
<b>CLOSE FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Friday 3rd April</b>
REOPEN FOR THE SUMMER TERM	Monday 20th April
Year 4 Whitby Residential	Monday 20th April—Wednesday 22nd April
PTA Disco	Thursday 30th April
EYFS May Day Parade	Monday 4th May
VE Day School Picnic	Thursday 7th May
<b>BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>Friday 8th May</b>
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May

Yours sincerely



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