



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,



This week we are really pleased to say Attendance is 98.2% which is the best it has been so far. Our year to date is 96.6% which unless it changes again, is broadly in line with national average.

A huge thank you but also a huge plea - the last few days of the Summer Term count. Please if at all possible keep the children coming!

**Staff Changes** As you are all now aware, Mrs Sarah Watson and Miss Jenny Holmes will leave us this year for pastures new. We are really sorry to say goodbye but in their place we have appointed two new teachers, Miss Bryony Rathmell (Year 5) and Miss Josephine Tomlinson (Year1.)

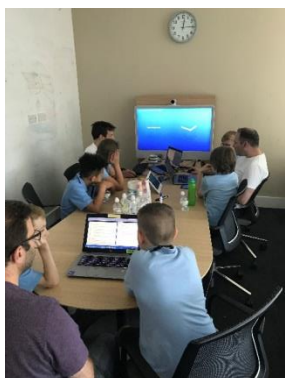


Due to the timing of Mrs Watson's resignation, our Governors have made the decision to advertise internally for an Assistant Head. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Victoria Skwarek and Miss Fran Hoyle were successful in their application/interview and will share this temporary position from September.



**Please note the change of date**

Unfortunately, I have had to make the decision to delay the opening of school in Autumn Term to WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER due to the electrical contract to rewire the whole school finishing later than expected. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. I have given the two days back by cancelling the Training days planned for Monday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Code Club visited Lloyds Banking group at Trinity Road in Halifax to see how code is used. The children had an excellent time and enjoyed watching and participating in the demonstrations. The children received really positive comments from the staff running the workshop saying how interested and engaged they were and how they represented the school well.

'I enjoyed looking around the offices and seeing all the different technology they use. I also liked changing the colours schemes of websites,' Thomas Elwell.

'I enjoyed changing the websites and learning how to do it', Ben Wood.

A huge thanks to Sarah Elwell (Halifax Bank) and Miss Hoyle for running Code Club as an after school club. The children were really inspired and interested to learn how technology is used in the world of work. Who knows maybe we have 'coders' of the future in the making.

## Sporting News



On Saturday 30th June, our netball team and football team took part in a tournament held at Brighouse High School, organised by St Joseph's Brighouse.

Although our football team didn't make it through the group stages, they played some of the best football we have ever seen!

### Netball

Luck was on our netballers' side, however, as they won 3 out of their 4 group games, and made it all the way to the semi-finals! Well done to all the players, and a big thank you to the staff, parents and carers who helped and stayed to support.



### Summer Fair



This was a huge success and really well attended. We cannot thank Fiona and her PTFA team enough for all their hard work, time and effort which they give freely, to ensure the event goes well and that there is something for everybody to enjoy. I would also like to thank our staff who also gave up their free time to support. As yet, I do not have a final figure from Fiona but am aware it is expected to be in excess of £1000!! Thank you to all the parents, carers, friends and families who attended and supported.

The Calderdale Better Living Team are keen to become involved with children and families and offer a range of **FREE** Opportunities & Activities . This includes healthy life styles – exercise and diet, targeted support for individuals and families, stopping smoking , new

Mums support and can lead to a **FREE** leisure pass. If you would like to find out more please call into school to pick up some published information or log onto their website [bit@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:bit@calderdale.gov.uk) / [calderdale.gov.uk/betterliving](http://calderdale.gov.uk/betterliving) Tel: 01422 230230

### Diary dates to note:

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To celebrate how far England have come to date Who knows by Monday !!! – Whole School dress in sporty or football gear!</i></li> </ul>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bacon Butty for Parents</b> (other options available) and a cuppa 8:30 -9:15am</li> <li>• KS2 Breakfast Break-times every Tuesday 50p.</li> <li>• Year 6 Retreat day at the Parish Hall - our year 6 children will plan and prepare for their Leavers Mass and Leavers Assembly (see Friday 20<sup>th</sup> for details). Children to come in uniform.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y5 Educational visit - Spacepark</li> <li>• Y6 Educational visit - Football Museum</li> </ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am Samba Drumming /African Drumming Performance - All welcome</li> <li>• Final * Worker Assembly of the year 2:15pm</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Y6 Leavers Mass 9:35am - Whole school to walk to Church</b></li> <li>• <b>2:30pm Leavers and staff Assembly</b></li> <li>• <b>School closes for the Summer Holidays. Re-opens Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b></li> </ul>

Thank goodness we still have dry, beautiful weather but thankfully not quite as hot.

Mrs Sue McManamin

