

Savile Park Primary School

May 2017 Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to school. We have a busy Summer Term planned so please keep checking our school website for updates to the calendar. We will send information home regarding any trips or extra events taking place throughout the term.

This is also the final term for our Year 6s at Savile Park and they have lots of exciting things to look forward to, after they have completed their SATs!

World Book Week 2017

We had another brilliant Poetry Performance competition on National Poetry Day with some amazing performances. Children went to a lot of effort in choosing and learning poems and some children even wrote their own. Well done to all the finalists and winners – Aminah Ahmed KS2, Namish Thakur KS1, Anika Gautam (Heath Reception) and Mohammed Idrees (Moorfield Reception).

Unfortunately our author visitor, Conrad Burdekin, was ill and unable to come to school on the Wednesday of Book Week. He was, however, able to join us on Thursday 6th April. All children enjoyed the Story Round and joined with a partner from another class to share a book together.

The class story reading competition was won by Class 1 at Heath who read a total of 12 books across the week. Congratulations to the whole class! Well done to everyone who took part so enthusiastically in Book Week this year.



Year 6 SATs – w/c 8th May

The 2017 SATs will take place on the following days:

Monday 8th May:	Reading Test
Tuesday 9th May:	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test
Wednesday 10th May:	Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic Maths Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 11th May:	Maths Paper 3: Reasoning

The year 6 SATs Tests begin on Monday. These are extremely important assessments that all year 6 children nationally will be participating in. The children have worked extremely hard preparing for these tests. Could we, therefore, please ask you to ensure that your child has a good night's sleep prior to each test day; has had breakfast and arrives at school by 8:55am.

We will welcome the Y6 pupils into class from 8:30am should they wish to come slightly earlier. A breakfast snack such as a cereal bar, fresh fruit and a juice drink will be available.

Playground Developments at the Heath Site

As I'm sure you'll be aware school is very keen to improve the outdoor learning facilities at the Heath site. We have had some exciting plans produced and we are eager to implement them as soon as possible. However, we have been awaiting a decision from the council about whether or not we require planning permission due to the complex nature of the Heath site. Frustratingly, after a long wait, we have been informed this week that planning permission will be needed before any work can commence. This will unfortunately make the process last a little longer than we originally hoped, but I wanted to update you on our current situation.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 24th March we held a non-uniform day to raise funds for Red Nose Day. The children came to school either dressed as their favourite book character or wearing something red. We raised a grand total of £232.23. Thank you for your continued support.

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Cashless Money System

The School Money payment system went live in January, thank you to those who have provided their details and are now making payments online. We are no longer taking cash at the office so, if you haven't already provided your details, send them in to either office so we can text you logging on details. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Healthy Snack Boxes – Polite Reminder

If your child brings a healthy snack to school, please be aware that we do have some children with severe nut allergies, so please could we ask for you not to send nuts into school. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Fidget Spinners – Polite Notice

Unfortunately Fidget Spinners have been causing a few problems at playtimes and lunchtimes. We feel it is better to not allow these items in school in order to maintain harmony amongst the pupils. Any spinners found in school after this notice will be confiscated. Thank you for your co-operation.

Science Week

During the week beginning 13th March, children across both sites at Savile Park took part in a range of science activities to celebrate Science Week. Activities ranged from investigating shadows in year 1; making oobleck (strange slime with liquid and solid properties) in year 5; creating structures to hold a football in year 4 and making poo in year 2! Meanwhile, children in year 3 use food dye to find out how water is transported in plants and year 6 investigated the effects of exercise on pulse rate.



Football Update

The Y5/6 School Football team returned to The Shay to play against Parkinson Lane Primary School in the Semi-final last month. Unfortunately we did not manage to reach the final this year with the team losing 2-0. A big congratulations to everybody who took part it was a superb effort.

Year 3, 4 & 5 Summer Festival

Due to children in KS2 not taking part in a winter production, they will be taking part in a summer production on the afternoon of Friday 14th July. Further details will be available nearer the time and parents will be invited to attend. It would be appreciated if you could help your child learn any parts or songs that they will be performing in the production. Thank you.

Chicks



We are really lucky to have eggs arriving at school on the 8th May, with the chicks hatching from the 15th May. We will have the chicks with us for two weeks, before they return to the farm. We will be hatching eggs at both the Heath and Moorfield sites, so keep an eye out for the webcam on the school's website!

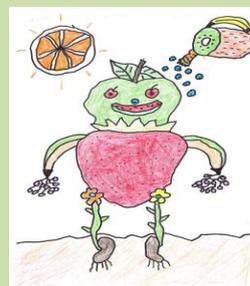
Friends of Savile Park

FOSP will be holding their annual Curry and Casserole Fest on Friday 5th May after school at Moorfield. Food donations would be welcome. First prize for the best curry is a Crockpot. Curries will be available to buy at £2 each. Please come along.

Competition Winner!

Well done to Idrees in Reception at Moorfield! He won a national competition to create a picture using fruit and vegetables. The competition was run by the National Schools Partnership who provide growing equipment to Reception classes across the country. A comment from the judges was that his picture really captured the growing process.

Idrees has won a personalised goody bag full of equipment to help him grow his own produce at home as well as a whopping £800 for school to spend on growing and gardening equipment. Well done Idrees!



Message from Class Teachers

Please note that Friday morning early doors is a chance for parents to come in and see how their children are doing in class and to read with their child. Please could you ensure if your child is coming to school early that an adult is with them in the classroom as we are having lots of children being dropped off early and left alone, which is not the purpose of the session. If you have children in different classes you are welcome to take your children to the same classroom to read with them. Many thanks for your support.

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Y1 Trips

In March, Year 1 at Moorfield and Yr 1 at Heath went on separate visits to Gazegill Farm where everyone had a great time. We found out about sheep and their lambs, pigs and their piglets and calves. Some children were even brave enough to let the calves lick their hands! In the milking parlour we looked at the milking equipment and the milking machine sucked on our fingers. We learnt a lot on the trip and did some fantastic writing about it back at school.



On Monday 20th March Year 1 went to King Cross Library to work with Shelley. The children listened to Shelley read a story then they looked at books and chose one to take home.



Class 6 Trip to Huddersfield Town Hall

Class 6 joined 100's of other children at Mrs Sunderland's Festival at Huddersfield Town Hall. They helped showcase songs of joy and dancing.



Dates for your Diary

5th May – FOSP Casserole & Curry Fest – after school, Moorfield Street

8th May – 11th May – Y6 SATs

18th May – Y5 Trip to Imperial War Museum, Salford

24th May – Parents Forum 9.15am at Moorfield Street

24th - 26th May – Y6 Trip to Robinwood

26th May – School shuts for Spring Bank

2nd June – Y4 Trip to Skipton Castle

5th June – School opens

26th June – School Closed – Training Day

27th June – School Opens

28th June – Class photos with Fearnley Photography

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Summary of Attendance – 6th September 2016 to 7th April 2017

Our school is currently below the Calderdale target for school attendance and has been identified as a school needing to improve its attendance. Attendance is important because your child cannot learn if they are not in school. If your child has an attendance figure of 90% every year of their primary school life they would miss over a year of their schooling. We need your help to raise whole school attendance. Below are our figures for the last year:

National Average 2015/16: 96%

Calderdale Average for Primary Schools 2015/16: 96%

Savile Park Primary School Average 2015/16: 95.60%

Class	% Attendance	Number of children with an excellent 100% attendance	% Unauthorised Absence due to term time leave	Lates (as a number)
Reception @ M	94.10	1	1.95	29
Reception @ H	96.21	8	0.11	22
Class 1 @ M	94.74	0	0.28	25
Class 1 @ H	94.74	0	2.61	39
Class 2 @ M	95.30	2	1.12	53
Class 2 @ H	96.01	7	None requested	65
Class 3	94.56	4	2.21	49
Class 4	96.22	2	0.61	29
Class 5	95.85	0	1.34	22
Class 6	94.18	1	0.35	25
TOTAL	95.22	25	0.96	358

Attendance Management from April 2017

- Miss Bradley is our Attendance Officer and will call or text parents in the morning to find out about any unexplained absence. It is important that you call the office and let them know if your child is poorly.
- All parents will receive their child's attendance at parents evening to discuss with the class teacher.
- The parents of any child falling below 94% will be sent a yellow letter of concern to make them aware that their child's attendance is slipping and ask for their support in ensuring that it improves.
- Any child whose attendance is below 90% will receive a pink letter of concern asking them to attend a meeting with the Headteacher and the Attendance Officer (Miss Bradley) to discuss the reasons for the low attendance and ways in which we can work together to ensure it improves quickly.
- Pupils who have consistently low attendance may be referred to the Local Authority Educational Welfare Officer for further investigation.
- Parents who remove their children from school for extended periods during term time without notice or authorisation *may* face a penalty notice or risk the loss of their school place.

Request for Leave

In line with Local Authority and National policy our school **does not authorise any holiday during term time**. If you wish to request leave during term time you must complete a form which you can collect from the offices at both sites. You should then return the form to Miss Bradley, who will then organise a meeting with Mrs Boylan to discuss the request. Leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that at a recent Full Governing Body meeting it was decided that, alongside Calderdale policy, school may start issuing penalty notices for any unauthorised leave of absence.

Thank you for your support in helping raise our school attendance. Children only have one chance in school and every day counts. If you would like any support or advice on attendance then please contact Miss Bradley or Mrs Cole and they will do their best to support or signpost you to someone who can help.