

Savile Park Primary School

April 2025 Newsletter



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As always, we have had a very busy term, there have been lots and lots of exciting events that have taken place. The children have all worked really hard and learnt many new exciting things. I am sure that everyone is ready for the holidays and I hope everyone enjoys spending time with friends and family.

I wanted to say thank you to the Rotary Club and Inner Wheel of Halifax as they have been fundraising and very generously donated £1000 for us to purchase new books. We are very much looking forward to the new books arriving!

Key Stage 2 SATs Information

A reminder that **Y6 SATs** (national assessments) will be taking place between:

Monday 12 May to Friday 16 May

It is important that throughout this time every effort is made to ensure your child has had a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast and arrives on time so that they are energised and ready for the challenges of the day!

It is vital that all year 6 pupils are in school during this time and we would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Eid Celebrations

As Ramadan finishes we are having Eid Celebrations in school culminating in classroom Eid Parties on Friday 4 April. Children can come in their own party clothes but please remember these need to be suitable to wear and play out all day. All party food will be provided.



We raised a fantastic total of £246.60 for this year's Comic Relief. Well done to everyone.



Spring Child of the Term



We were very excited to invite some parents into school, to see their child receive a special award for being nominated as Child of the Term.

It was a wonderful, positive event and lovely to see so many parents.

Congratulations to all the winners and well done everyone.



A selection of sweet treats were available to buy to celebrate Eid-al-Fitr. All proceeds will go to the PTFA. Thank you to Mrs Amjad and the children who made them.

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Attendance



As you know, we take attendance and arriving to school on time very seriously. Recently we had a visit from Victoria Lightowler who is our Education Welfare Officer (EWO). It is the duty of the Local Authority to ask school about the reasons for pupil non-attendance and to investigate what steps have been taken to address this.

School continue to work closely with Victoria (EWO) to identify any children whose attendance is causing concern. It may be that parent/carers are contacted directly by her about their child's attendance.

In certain circumstances, the Local Authority may even instigate legal proceedings in either the Magistrate's or Family Proceedings' Court in order to ensure that children and young people have access to appropriate educational opportunities.

Further information can be found by clicking on the following link.

[School attendance | Calderdale Council](#)

Lucky children strike gold in exciting Golden Ticket prize draw!

Excitement filled the air in school recently as children eagerly unwrapped their gold tickets to reveal a fantastic range of prizes! The highly anticipated event, organised by the school's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PFTA), saw pupils take part in a thrilling prize draw. The lucky winners, see below, walked away with an array of exciting rewards. A huge thank you who took part, we raised a massive £276.

Well done everyone.



Chicks



Egg-citingly, school will shortly be taking delivery of several eggs. These will be placed in an incubator so we can watch as they hatch. The children are already learning about how to look after the eggs so they have the right conditions to hatch.

We cannot wait to see the chicks when they arrive.

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PUNCTUALITY

Why is Punctuality so important?

Punctuality is a life skill. Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality at school will help your child throughout their education and into adult life and the work place.

Why is lateness such a bad thing?

Every minute of every day counts. Persistent lateness, after the register closes, can result in prosecution under Section 444 of the 1996 Education Act

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost over a year
10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost over a year
15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost over a year
20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost over a year
30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost over a year



Top Tips for Improving Punctuality

- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine so they get plenty of rest and don't struggle out of bed in the morning
- Get to know your child's timetable - plan together to make sure they have everything ready the night before; eg uniform, books, cooking ingredients, PE/swimming kit
- Get your child into the habit of doing their homework in the evening - not the morning it's due in
- Invest in a good, reliable alarm clock - make setting it part of your child's bedtime routine
- Ensure your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day.
- Have a backup plan for getting your child to school in case something unforeseen happens - friends and family or perhaps neighbours who are taking their children to school anyway
- Allow lots of time for your journey

Why is punctuality such a good thing?

Being on time for school:

- Helps your child make and keep friends
- Helps get your child's day off to a good start and puts your child in a positive frame of mind
- Sets your child up for the future - whether it's college, university or work. They could lose their place or lose their job if they think it is ok to be late.
- Helps your child understand that school is important and education is valuable
- Helps your child develop a sense of responsibility for him/herself and towards others
- Is linked to good attendance - good attendees have more opportunities and therefore achieve more
- Leads to success and self confidence

Support

If you are having problems getting your child to school on time:

- Talk to your child
- Contact school and ask for Miss Bradley. She is the School Attendance Officer and will be only too pleased to help with any difficulties your child may be experiencing.

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Thanks to Dinostar, Year 1 have had an amazing experience of dinosaurs in school. It included lots of information about dinosaurs and replica fossils that we got to touch and explore. We even made our very own fossils. Look at the size of that T-Rex footprint!



Please note the year 6 leavers event is now on the **16 July** in the hall at **Heath** for both events.

Celebrations for Moorfield families will run between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

Celebrations for Heath families will run from 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm.



As a school we will be celebrating Earth Day on Tuesday 22 April, examining climate change and focusing on how we can look after the planet. There will be different activities throughout the day and the pupil work produced will be displayed throughout the school.

And finally ...

We would like to say a big thank you and goodbye to Miss Adams, Wrens classteacher. She will be leaving us very shortly for a new adventure with her family as she moves to Australia. We would also like to add a warm welcome to Mrs Watson, who is returning to us in a new role as a Teaching Assistant and Mr Semple who will also be joining us as a Teaching Assistant. Welcome to you both.

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Tuesday 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School re-opens• World Earth day
Wednesday 23	Spring term house point treat
Monday 28	Year 2 African drumming workshop
Tuesday 29	Poetry Slam Final - Victoria Theatre (evening)



Monday 5		School closed May Day
Thursday 8		Year 1 visit to Temple Newsam House
Monday 12		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key Stage 2 SAT's week• Mental Health Awareness week
Friday 23		School closes



Monday 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School re-opens• Year 4 multiplication tables check period begins
Wednesday 4	Class photos
Thursday 5	Year 6 Bikeability both sites
Friday 6	Teacher training day Eid al Adha
Monday 9	Year 1 phonics screen check week begins
Tuesday 10	Year 2 visit to Lytham St Annes