

# Savile Park Primary School

## January 2017 Newsletter



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### Christmas 2016

Thank you for the tremendous support, gifts and good wishes which we received during the Christmas period. The children had a fabulous time highlighting their talents through the concerts they performed. Fundraising at the productions in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 raised £75 for the POD Children's Charity.

### Save the Children Christmas/Winter Jumper Day

On Friday 16 December, children and staff came to school in their Christmas/Winter jumpers, helping to raise a total of £154 for Save the Children. Thank you for your support on what was a fun, colourful day!



..... LOOK OUT .....  
Look out for our new Twitter Account  
..... COMING SOON! .....

### New Starters

URGENT – if your child is eligible to start Reception in September 2017 you MUST apply online for a school place with Calderdale Council by 15 January! Please pass on this message as we don't want anyone to lose out. The deadline is just days away!

### Savile Park Playgroup



Excitingly, we are launching our very own playgroup. All parents are welcome to come along and have an opportunity to meet other parents with young children. The playgroup will start on Monday 16 January. It will be located at our Heath site between 9:00am- 10:45am (just turn up by 9:15am) and there is a nominal charge of £1 per family. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any unwanted toddler toys that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful as this will help us get the playgroup off to a flying start. Many thanks for your support.

### Starting the new year off in the right way!

We know that we are very privileged at Savile Park to have such well-behaved, well-mannered, caring children – it allows for an enthusiastic positive learning environment where we can all have fun and make great progress together.

LOOK SMART – THINK SMART – ACT SMART



Being well-presented, with all the equipment needed for the day, homework complete and ready to learn – are key ingredients for successful learning. The new year is a perfect time to ensure that everything is well set for the year ahead and we would ask for your continued support in this.

### Charity Event

The children and staff have decided they want to support the POD Children's Charity (this is the organisation that Karen Lomas went to work for in Nepal). The children will be asked to save their pennies in order to make a coin map of Nepal. On 10 February we will be having a non-uniform day, this will involve the children wearing red, white and blue to represent the colours of the Nepalese flag, and a bun sale. The teachers have planned engaging activities where the children can learn all about Nepal and hopefully there will be a visit from Mrs Lomas.

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## Winter Weather

You will be informed by text in the unlikely event of the school needing to close due to extreme weather conditions. **If you do not hear anything from us, the school will be open.**

Should you wish to check reports of closure, you can do so by visiting:

- Our school website
- The council website
- Local radio e.g. 'The Pulse' or Radio Leeds.

Please make sure your children come to school appropriately dressed for the cold weather, with a warm coat, hat and gloves.

## Year 5 National Coal Mining Museum Visit

Last term we visited the National Coal Mining museum as part of our Science topic on Forces. We went on an underground tour of the mine to see how some of the mining machinery worked and as it was Christmas, we investigated some suspected 'elf activity' in the mine! We also took part in a workshop where we visited a forge to see metal being heated and reshaped. We then had to work in teams to complete challenges involving pulling coal in trolleys under different conditions.



Would you please ensure school has your most up to date contact details at all times. This is really important, should school wish to contact you in an emergency.

## Attendance & Learning

Please see attached last term's attendance report.

## Cashless Money System

As you already know we are currently in the process of switching to an online payment system (for all future cash payments e.g. dinner money, breakfast club and school visits). We will have this up and running as soon as possible. Please keep an eye out for further information via 'text messaging'. Thank you to all those who have sent their email address into school. We do need an email address for every family in order for you to make any payments. Many thanks for your continued support and patience with this.

## Welcome!

We are very pleased to have three new members of staff joining us this term. Mr Smith and Miss Holdsworth have joined the teaching team. Mrs Alison Bicknell will be joining the office team at the beginning of February.

## Parent Forum Meeting 14 December 2016

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting. We had a very productive discussion about a range of topics. The next meeting will be held on 1 February 2017 at 9:15am at the Moorfield Site. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

## Children's Safety

Some parents have voiced their concerns about the dangerous driving they have witnessed around both of our sites. Please remember the 20mph speed limit and not to drive on the pavements. Also please be considerate to our neighbours and park carefully at all times. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary

- 23.01.17 – Year 5 visiting National Media Museum
- 01.02.17 – Parent Forum meeting 9.15am at the Moorfield Site
- 01.02.17 – Friends of Savile Park meeting 1.45pm at the Heath site
- 06.02.17 – Year 6 visiting Yorkshire Viking Farm
- 17.02.17 – School Closes for Half Term
- 27.02.17 – Training Day school closed
- 28.02.17 – School Opens
- 16.03.17 – Parents Evening
- 07.04.17 – School closes for Easter

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## Summary of Attendance - 6 September 2016 to 16 December 2016

Last academic year our attendance was 95.60%. Please try not to arrange medical appointments during the school day. If this is not possible please arrange appointments at the end of the school day so that your child's attendance and learning are not affected.

If your child is not in school, please remember to contact school before 10.00am each day, by telephone, 01422 352844, or e-mail, [office@savilepark.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@savilepark.calderdale.sch.uk)

It is very rare that we authorise any holidays in term time. Should you require term time leave please put this in writing addressed to Mrs Boylan, Headteacher.

**National Average 2015/16: 96 %**  
**Calderdale Average for Primary Schools 2015/6: 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	93.39	1	1.95	17
Reception @ H	<b>*97.26*</b>	<b>*15*</b>	0.11	<b>13</b>
Class 1 @ M	94.46	0	0.28	18
Class 1 @ H	93.46	1	2.61	29
Class 2 @ M	95.12	2	1.12	24
Class 2 @ H	94.96	9	None requested	56
Class 3	93.83	5	2.21	29
Class 4	95.58	3	0.61	22
Class 5	95.47	2	1.34	68
Class 6	92.82	0	0.35	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94.05</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>289</b>

We still have children who regularly arrive late at school. This makes their school life more difficult and puts them at a disadvantage with the rest of the class.

Have you thought?

- 10 minutes late a day = almost a whole hour of lessons missed each week for your child, which over the year adds up to nearly 2 whole weeks of schooling
- a child will miss his/her teacher's instructions for the first lesson
- children are often very embarrassed and upset at coming into class late
- children sometimes have to miss their first break to catch up on the work they have missed

The school bell rings at 8.45 at the Heath site and 8.55 at the Moorfield site and your child should be in the school playground at this time. Please support your children by ensuring they get here on time.