

# Savile Park Primary School

## November 2018 Newsletter



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Welcome back to the School after the half term holiday. As usual this half term is packed with exciting events to extend and enthuse learning. Please do remember that Mrs Boylan is always happy to discuss any concerns that you might have. Please contact either office if you would like to make an appointment to see her.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week runs from 12th - 16th November. The theme this year is: 'Choose Respect'. The Anti-Bullying Alliance undertook a consultation with over 800 children, teachers and members of the alliance. It emerged that a top priority was showing that bullying is a behaviour choice. Children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at the School, in their homes and communities and online. The School has lots of exciting events and activities planned throughout the week to reinforce this message. On Monday 12th November the children come to the School wearing 'odd socks' to celebrate their uniqueness.



### Winter Fayre

Last year we had an amazing Winter Fayre. I know everyone will be keen to hold another wonderful one this year. As always this will be achieved by the whole School community working together. The Fayre will be held from 3:15pm on 12th December, in the hall at the Heath Site. There will be further details to follow as this event gets nearer. If you are able to help in any way or have any suggestions about stalls etc., please contact Mrs McCombe via the School Office.



### Children in Need - Friday 16th November



We are having a dress down day on Friday 17th November. The suggested donation is £1.00. Thank you.

### Parents Evening Wednesday 21st November

Just a reminder that next Wednesday is Parents' Evening. Please do not forget to book your appointment slot online.

Carolyn Cole, our Pastoral Lead, will also be available for parents to speak to.

### Attendance

Recently there have been a large amount of requests for children to be absent during term time. Calderdale Council do not authorise any term time leave unless there are exceptional circumstances. Your child only attends school for 195 days out of 365. This leaves 170 so please book your holidays and trips during these 170 days. If you do take your child out of school without authorisation for more than five consecutive school days, you will receive a fine. The School closely monitor every child's attendance. Miss Bradley will be writing to any parents/carers whose child has an attendance below 94%.

Please contact us as soon as possible if your child is absent from the School and let us know the reason for the absence. You can do this by phoning the School Office on 01422 352844 by 9.15am at the latest. If the School has not received a reason for absence, the following procedure will be followed:

- The School will telephone the first name on the contact list.
- If there is no response, the School will ring other contact numbers until a reply is received.
- If we have had no response, we will send a first text. A home visit will be made if possible, either by School staff or other agencies working with the family.
- The School may contact the Police if all other stages have been completed and there is still no contact regarding the absent child.

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## Staffing Update

We have recently welcomed several new members of staff. Miss Samantha Harkin has joined the office team, she will be working at both sites.

Mrs Cairns, Miss Prosser, Miss Mundy and Mrs Mahmood have all joined the support staff team. Miss Faiha Hussain has been appointed to teach Hummingbirds class (year 1) when Mrs Foster goes on her maternity leave in the New Year.

Congratulations, to Mr and Mrs Collins on the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Poppy.

## Healthy Lunchboxes

If your child has a packed lunch, please remember that we want the children to have a healthy lunch – so no sweets or fizzy drinks. We have some children with severe nut allergies so we ask that you do not send nuts into the School. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



## School Council

The theme for our School Councillors meetings has been '*Respecting each other and our differences.*' The Councillors have received training from a representative from Barnardo's children's charity (they are now officially 'BEAMS' Barnardo's Equality Ambassadors). The Councillors have come up with some great ideas. The School will be distributing leaflets around each class on how we should respect each other's differences and similarities. We will also be putting up posters around the School and delivering the message in an Assembly to coincide with Anti-Bullying Week. The Councillors agree that we should really celebrate the diverse cultures, religions and backgrounds that we have at Savile Park and it is something that our School and community are proud of.

## Administration of Medicines

Just a polite reminder that any medication brought into the School must have been prescribed by a doctor. The relevant forms, which can be obtained from the School Office on either site, must be completed before any medication can be administered. We are unable to give medicines that are not prescribed. Thank you for your support.

## Parking Outside School

Once again a reminder about considerate parking. Our neighbours get very upset when their driveways are blocked. Please avoid parking in a dangerous and selfish manner. If possible try and park a little further away from the School and walk the rest of the way. Please encourage others to do the same. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Remembrance

All the children have been discussing and learning about Remembrance Day. We have designed and made a variety of poppies and written some very special poems. Both the Moorfield and Heath Sites are full of fantastic displays with many examples of the children's amazing work. During assemblies, led by Mr Kitchin, the children have been learning more about the First World War and what it means to remember. Alongside completing work in school the children and their families have been very busy at home. We have had some amazingly creative poppies and Mrs McCombe has designed two stunning displays. Some of the children in Key Stage 1 have, along with their families, participated in a family learning project. The poppies that were created at these events have been used in displays at the Town Hall.



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## Class Trips

Eagles (Year 6) visited Standedge Visitor Centre & River Colne Marsden as part of their rivers study topic. The children investigated the flow rates between the banks of the river.



Both Kingfishers (Year 1) and Hummingbirds (Year 1) have visited Manor Heath Park and had a visit from Percy the Park Keeper. The children collected leaves and other natural objects when they went to the park and were able to ask Percy some interesting questions during his visit.



## **Forbidden Corner**

The Kestrels (Year 5) class visited Forbidden Corner in North Yorkshire on Friday 26th October. The children got a lot of inspiration for the mystery stories they will be writing this term and they had lots of fun exploring the labyrinths and hidden areas at the site.

## Reception Intake 2019

Is your child due to start our School in September 2019? Or do you know someone who has a child who will be starting school?

We are having an **Open Day** for prospective families on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. This will give them the opportunity to come and view both sites and see what exciting things happen at Savile Park.

The timings are 9:00am-10:00am, 1:00pm-2:00pm and 4:00pm-5:00pm.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th - 16th November 2018

12th November 2018

16th November 2018

14th November 2018

19th November 2018

20th November 2018

27th November 2018

11th December 2018

12th December 2018

19th December 2018 at 10.00am

19th December 2018 at 2.15pm

21st December 2018

7th January 2019

Anti-bullying Week

Odd Sock Day

Children in Need Non Uniform Day

Owls visiting year 1

Fire Fighters visiting Kestrels

EYFS open day and evening

Maths workshop for EYFS parents

Christmas Lunch

Winter Fayre

KS1 Christmas Concert at Heath

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School closes for Christmas holidays

School opens