

# Savile Park Primary School

## July 2023 Newsletter



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Where has this year gone? I cannot believe that we are at the end of term already. We have had such an amazing year with so many highlights and tremendous things to celebrate. I just want to say thank you to all our families as we could not achieve all that we do without your continued support and enthusiasm. I hope everyone has a fantastic summer holiday and spends time with their friends and family, look forward to seeing you all in September.

### Humanist Assembly

As part of expanding our knowledge of the world, religion and world views, we had a Humanist speaker in assembly recently. He talked to us about how they make good choices, what makes them happy, their traditions and ceremonies and how they are guided by empathy and the gold rule; treat others how you would like to be treated yourselves. Lots of the children recognised values that linked to religious values and they asked some wonderful questions.

### Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6



At the end of term we will be saying good bye to our amazing Eagles and Hawks classes. They have been a superb cohort of children and we hope they have many happy memories from their time at Savile Park. We wish them every success as they leave and hope that they build on what they have learnt during their time here. Good bye and good luck!



We are exceptionally proud of the children and their results in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. In all subjects we have either maintained or improved the percentage of children meeting the governments expected standards. A fantastic achievement!

### Early Birds

Early Birds runs every morning across both sites from 7.45 am - 8.45 am offering a broad variety of breakfast items for your child(ren) to choose from. Your child(ren) will receive a warm welcome on arrival and there are adults on hand to support with homework and social and emotional needs. We also offer mindfulness activities from the start to ensure your child(ren) are ready for their learning journey to continue. We do have a register of children but we also provide a drop-in service for families who may need to access Early Birds unexpectedly. We look forward to seeing you soon!



## Music At Savile Park Primary School 2022 - 2023



This year has been a truly wonderful musical year with lots happening with music in school and across both sites. We are so proud of our talented musicians at Savile Park and are already excited for the musical opportunities on offer for next year...

Early Years - Early years have incorporated musical instruments into their learning areas and have been joining whole school singing and music assemblies. They have also been focussing on nursery rhymes and songs with a steady beat and rhythm.

Year 1 and Year 2 - Year 2 have had an African Drumming workshop and studied Miriam Makeba and her most famous song 'Click song' linking to our South Africa topic. Year 1 have been working with Lester Noel on beats, rhythm and pulse as well as joining our whole school singing assemblies.

Year 3 and Year 4 - Year 4 have been lucky enough to perform in concerts at the Victoria Theatre, perform in whole school assemblies and work with Year 3 for their weekly lessons with Lester Noel. They have been working on a collaborative song.

Year 5 and Year 6 - Year 5 have had their weekly ukulele sessions and joined our whole school singing assemblies whilst Year 6 have spent time with Lester Noel working on song composition.

### Whole School

We have been fortunate enough to have Lester Noel (Beats International) in school with us this year and he has been working with the whole school across both sites on a range of musical themes and objectives. He has also led whole school singing and music assemblies across both sites. Lester has also been working hard with classes helping them prepare for their fabulous summer performances!

Singing club - Our wonderful singing clubs from Heath and Moorfield sites have performed for parents. Moorfield performed at the 'Thoughtful Spot Bookshop' at Christmas and sang carols around the tree. Heath singing club have organised their own mini concert for parents in July.

Rocksteady lessons, Calderdale Music Trust and Piano Lessons in school - we are delighted to say we have had a large sign up to weekly lessons for Rocksteady and other musical instrument lessons in school. We have also thoroughly enjoyed the performances to parents throughout the year and we hope you have too!

If your child is interested in learning an instrument next year, please see the links below to sign up.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

<https://www.calderdalemusic.co.uk/>

We are also excited to announce next year, each year group will be given a 'Notable Musician' along with an 'Artist and Scientist'. The children will learn about their notable person in class throughout the year, so when they finish their Savile Park journey they will have a wealth of knowledge on influential artists, composers, musicians and scientists from across the world.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Collins as Music Lead in school. We cannot wait for another Musical Extravaganza year next academic year!



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Some photos which capture some of the musical activities going on in school



Top left - the Drumming Workshop

Middle left - Joel Graham from Rocksteady

Top right - Lester Noel from the Calderdale Music Trust

## Why is Punctuality Important?

Punctuality is more than being on time. It shows you value yourself, are responsible, have integrity and care and respect others.

Top tips to improve attendance and punctuality

### Achieve Amazing Attendance!



1. Running late? Just get here as soon as you can - better late than never - let us know with a phone call if possible.
2. Make doctors and dentists appointments during the school holidays or after school. If you can only make an appointment during the school day, make it for the afternoon and bring your child into school first to get the correct mark in the register. If possible your child should return to school after their appointment.
3. Teach your child good hygiene - regular hand washing and using a tissue will help prevent them picking up or passing on bugs that lead to absence due to illness.
4. Avoid taking your child out of school during term time and remember your child is not automatically entitled to any leave - Please come and speak to Miss Bradley as soon as possible. You will then be asked to complete a request for absence from school form. All requests will be assessed on their own individual merit. You may be issued a penalty notice by the Local Authority if you continue

### Perfect Punctuality Pointers



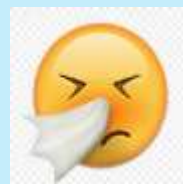
**Remember in September both sites open at 8:45 am and all children should be in class at 8:45 am.**

1. Be on time for quarter to nine!
2. Get your child their own alarm clock.
3. Get everything ready the night before - uniform, packed lunch, PE kit ... Don't forget the breakfast things.
4. Come even earlier and join us for breakfast and/or games in our club open 7:45 - 8:45 am every week day in the dining room.
5. Set that alarm clock five minutes fast.
6. Do not allow TV or computer games before everyone is ready - if at all.

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## Too Sick for School



Children get colds and headaches often but do not always need to miss a full day of school. Try getting them to eat something, drink plenty of water or if necessary give a suitable medication according to packet or GP instructions.

If they feel better later on, bring them to school, even if they have missed the morning - just give us a call to let us know when to expect you.

Use us. It is better to send your child to school in all circumstances. If we feel they are too unwell to stay we will send them home. You cannot be referred for poor attendance if the school makes the decision for your child to remain at home.

Remember, flu is a serious illness and very different to a cold, if your child has flu, you will be asked to provide medical evidence.

You may be asked to provide medical evidence for other absences. We know that it is not easy to get a note from the GP. Evidence can be in the form of: an appointment card, attendance note, prescription or prescribed medication (labelled and dated).

If your child is likely to be absent due to a long term illness, please come and speak to us so that we can put a plan of support in place.

If your child breaks a bone, they should be able to attend school very soon after a cast or splint is applied, if this is not the case, you should provide an explanation - and evidence, including how long they will likely be absent for. Remember, alternative arrangements can be made to ensure your child is safe in school while they are healing. If they cannot write, they can still listen and learn in other ways.

## New for September

Daily texts will be sent to politely remind you of your child's punctuality.

We already record minutes late for each child. You will receive a report of this total each term.

Every Friday the whole school will be notified of how many minutes of learning time has been lost due to poor punctuality.