



Savile Park Primary School

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It was lovely to welcome the pupils back this week, we are looking forward to a positive and productive year ahead. It may be a shorter term but it will be very busy with a great selection of fun learning activities coming up. At the end of last time we said goodbye to Mrs Yaqub and Mrs Cairns. Mrs Yaqub has left us to take up a new role and Mrs Cairns has retired and is now visiting family on the other side of the world. We send them both off with our very best wishes for the future.

House Point Badges - Polite Request



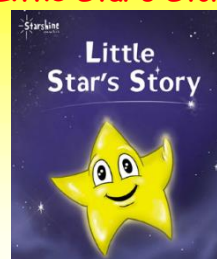
Where ever possible we try and re-use the house point badges.

If your child has moved on to their next badge and has their old one at home can you please send it back into school.

Thank you.

Key Stage One Christmas Performance 2023

"Little Star's Story"



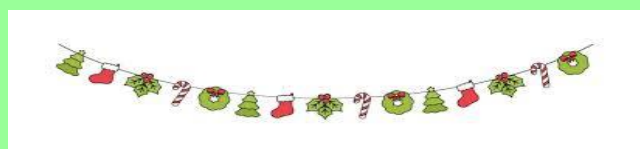
Thank you to all the fabulous children in Reception and Key Stage 1 for their amazing performance of 'Little Star's Story'.

Children and staff worked tirelessly! It was lovely to see so many parents/carers in school to watch the performance.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to **Halifax Practical Car and Van Rental** for lending us the audio equipment for the performance.

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Winter Fayre



Once again, the Winter Fayre was a great success. Thank you for your continued support.

The cashless system worked well and we will be rolling this out to future events.

We raised a total of £ 1007.90 which will be used to purchase resources for the children.

Heath Lunches



If you wish to change your child's lunch pattern please inform the office no later than on a Tuesday, for the changes to take place the following week. Thank you.

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Winter Weather



You will be informed by text in the unlikely event of our school closing due to extreme weather conditions. If you do not hear anything from us, the school will remain open. Should you wish to check reports of closure, you can do so by visiting:

- our school website/Facebook page
- the Local radio eg 'The Pulse' or Radio Leeds

Please ensure your child arrives at school with a warm waterproof coat and suitable footwear.

Egyptian Workshop at Cliffe Castle in Keighley

Parrots and Toucans (Year 3) will be visiting Cliffe Castle in Keighley for a day of learning and fun. Excitingly, the children will be able to participate in an Egyptian mummification workshop and enjoy discovering the step-by-step process of mummifying a dummy - just like it would have been carried out in Ancient Egypt!

They will also develop their art skills as they carry out activities using embossed foil and make some Egyptian sarcophagus! They will learn many new things about life in Ancient Egypt.



Winter/Christmas Jumper Day and sponsored Reindeer Walk

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we were unable to go onto the Moor for our annual walk in support of Overgate Hospice. Instead, each class took turns to dance their socks off doing the "reindeer dance" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



We raised £580.83 for Overgate Hospice. Well done to everyone.

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Early Birds Breakfast Club and Late Larks After School Club

Just a reminder that if you require either or both of these provisions we have availability.

This is a flexible and fluid provision which you can use as and when you have the need i.e. for 1 day or 5 days a week or on an ad hoc basis.

The cost for Early Birds Breakfast club, which runs from 7.45 am - 8.45 am is £4.00 per session per child and the cost for Late Larks After School Club, which runs from 3.15 pm to 5.45 pm, is £8.00 per session, with a discount for siblings

Please contact the office for further information.

Outstanding Monies

We would like to thank all parents/carers who regularly use our online payment system. However, there are some payments outstanding for lunches, Breakfast Club and Late Larks. Please could we ask you to log on to School Money to check your account.

For those who prefer to pay termly, could we kindly ask that this is paid at the beginning and not at the end of a term. Your continued assistance in ensuring your account is always in credit is much appreciated.



Readolutions Challenge



During the month of January, the whole school is taking part in a New Year Readolutions Challenge.

We will be asking all children to bring their favourite book to school and be prepared to talk about it. We want them to persuade everybody in their class to read their favourite book!

At the end of the month the children will vote for their favourite. The winning text from each class will then be shortlisted and submitted to *Calderdale Reading Revolution Book of the Year Award*.

Fire Engine Visit

Excitingly, we had a visit from the local firemen and their fire engine before Christmas for Reception children.

Children were able to go inside the fire engine, watch how the water pumps work and also hear the different sounds the fire engine makes.



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Year 6 Poet Visit

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We were very excited to welcome poet and author Matt Abbot into school to work with Year 6 children.

Matt's debut kids' poetry collection "A Hurricane in my Head" is available to purchase.

The children thoroughly enjoyed his experience and produced some amazing poems.

Open afternoon for Robins and Wrens classes

Tuesday 23 January

At Savile Park we love to welcome our parents into our school environments and excitingly we would like to invite our EYFS parents into school for an open afternoon. On Tuesday 23 January at 2.15 pm we would like to invite parents of both Robins and Wrens class to come into classrooms with their children and spend the last hour of the day with their child. You will be able to spend time with your child in areas of provision, help tidy away, read a story together and get ready for bedtime with your child.

We kindly ask for only one parent to attend the session and we will be hosting another open afternoon in the Summer term. If you would like any further information, please speak to either Mrs Holmes, Miss Adams or Mrs Collins.



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Tuesday 16	Year 3 visit to Cliffe Castle in Keighley
Wednesday 17	Autumn term house point treat
Thursday 18	Year 2 Family Workshop "Space" Year 2 Space Dome interaction visit
Wednesday 24	EYFS (Reception - Robins and Wrens classes) Writing Workshop 8.50 am at the Moorfield site- please just turn up.
Thursday 25	Year 3 Family Workshop "Egypt"

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Thursday 1	Year 4 Family Workshop "Roman Helmets"
Tuesday 6	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7	Reception visit to Eureka
Thursday 8	Year 4 visit to DEWA Roman Centre Year 5 Family Workshop "Rainforests"
Friday 9	School closes for half term
Monday 19	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 20	School re-opens

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Summary of Attendance of the Autumn Term (September 2023 to December 2023)

Class	% Attendance	Number of children with an outstanding 100% attendance	% Unauthorised Absence due to term time leave	Late (as a number)	Minutes late
Robins	83.41	1	12.15	29	495
Wrens	93.29	7	5.14	54	1305
Kingfishers	93.87	6	4.54	23	105
Hummingbirds	95.28	6	4.35	28	695
Pelicans	94.74	8	4.52	27	285
Puffins	95.50	9	3.56	61	630
Parrots	94.34	6	3.67	56	205
Toucans	98.05	8	1.75	25	305
Kookaburras	94.12	4	4.77	26	200
Kiwis	95.98	8	3.29	22	265
Kestrels	93.21	8	6.38	44	520
Falcons	95.74	4	3.62	99	1335
Eagles	93.32	6	5.66	75	575
Hawks	93.84	14	3.93	107	1080
TOTAL	94.18	95	4.59	676	8000

The national school attendance target is 95%.

You will notice that the accumulated minutes late equates to 133.33 hours lost in your children's learning. It is essential that your child arrives to school on time ready for their learning, you might be surprised to learn that:

Arriving late can affect your child's attendance!
Every minute counts.



Lateness = lost learning (figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

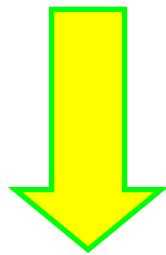


As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your child's chances of success. Your child's SAT could drop by one grade across all subjects.

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**Do not let your child
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Remember school starts at 8.45 am**



What can you do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed
- Set a reasonable bedtime to make sure they get enough sleep

Get your child to school on time. If they are late they have a bad start to the day.

If you child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could affect their achievement
- They do not have the social time to settle into class
- It can be embarrassing for them
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class