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Newsletter for 6th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Good luck to our children, and all those across England, who are taking their Year 6 SATs next week. I know our pupils will give 100%. We are welcoming them (Y6) to our special SATs breakfast club between Monday and Thursday. They will get breakfast, some social time and the chance to burn off nervous energy before going into the tasks during the mornings. They can arrive from 8am. We've spoken to them to get a 'shopping list' so we can feed them well!

Children in **Years 1 and 2** spent the morning in the woods as part of their topic. They had a wonderful time and saw the changes that had taken place since their last visit.

The children in **Year 2** are carefully watching and caring for the dragon's egg which they have in class. We will let you know if they are successful in hatching it! Watch this space...



Well done to everyone who took part in the **Ikley Carnival** and congratulations to our school who were awarded second place. Great achievement in stiff competition!

Thank you for your support.

Ali Carrick, Interim Head Teacher

DIARY DATES:

**Monday 9th—Thursday 12th May
Year 6 SATs week.**

**Monday 16th May — Year 6 Visit to
Anne Frank Exhibition in Bradford.**

**Thursday 26th May—Reception
Farm Trip.**

**School closes for Spring Bank
Holiday on Friday 27th May.**

**Tuesday 7th June is a teacher
training day - NO CHILDREN IN
SCHOOL.**

**School opens following the
holidays on Wednesday 8th June.**

SCHOOL DINNERS

The charge for school dinners this term is £54.40 (£8/wk, £1.60/day)

**Please make all cheques payable
to BMC School Meals and write
name of child on reverse.**

MILK MONEY FOR THIS TERM

Is £10 for 11th April—22nd July.
Please could you be prompt with your
payments next term if your child
wishes to continue to take milk or
start taking milk.



LEARNING HEROS

Reception
Kate Gibbons
For explaining her answers with the word.

Year 1
Ted Atkinson
For being very positive, enthusiastic and hard working.

Year 2
Carlie Cox
For always giving 100% and having an excellent attitude to school.

Year 3
Annabelle Kilner
For being kind, helpful and enthusiastic about her learning.

Year 4
William Archibald
For taking pride in his work.

Year 5
Amelie Benson
For always trying hard, giving 100%, being kind to others and being a good friend.

Year 6
Charlotte Thorpe
For growing in confidence, trying hard with revision and making fantastic progress.

House Points Table

WEEKLY LEADERBOARD:

Whernside = 231
Ingleborough = 316
Buckden = 228
Pen-y-Gent = 195

OVERALL LEADERBOARD

Pen-y-Gent = 6140
Buckden = 5928
Ingleborough = 5813
Whernside = 5787

Well done to Ingleborough for having the highest number of points this week.

It's getting close at the top!

NOTICES:

THERE WILL BE NO WAKE UP AND SHAKE CLUB ON MONDAY 9TH MAY.

This week the 'Caretakers Tidy Classroom Awards' goes to

EYFS and KS1—Year 1

KS2—Year 5

Well Done to everyone in those classes!

Back by popular request: DJ Daniel!



School discos

Thursday 19th May

KS1 5 - 6pm

KS2 6:15 - 7:15pm

£3 (includes juice & crisps)

Child KS1 / KS2

Child KS1 / KS2

Contact number in case of emergencies:

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (cheques to *Ben Rhydding PTA*)

This is a ticketless event: names are ticked off on the door. Please ensure that your child is signed in and out.

Don't miss DJ Daniel!

[to be filled in by helpers, only]

Please tick if you can *help* out: KS1 KS2

Your name Email:

Absence during term-time as a result of term-time leave of absence interrupts continuity of teaching and learning and disrupts the educational progress of individual children. **Bradford Children's Service** aims to minimise the amount of time lost to term-time leave of absence through a policy which actively discourages parents from arranging family holidays, trip abroad etc during term time and supports schools to authorise absence for such leave only in exceptional circumstances.

Between September 2012 and July 2013 over 81,000 days of education were lost due to families taking holiday in term time, with or without the school's permission.

Families do not have a right to take their children out of school for the purposes of family holidays or trips abroad.

New government guidance instructs Headteachers NOT to authorise leave of absence in term time. Permission for this type of absence should only be granted in the most exceptional circumstances. It is for Headteachers to determine what are 'exceptional circumstances' and apply these consistently and equitably.

Parents should not take their children out of school without first seeking the schools permission.

The following reasons will not be considered acceptable reasons for requesting leave of absence in term time:-

- availability of cheap holidays
- availability of desired accommodation
- poor weather experienced in school holiday periods

The Governing Body of Ben Rhydding Primary School has instructed the Interim Head Teacher to take a zero tolerance approach to all requests for holidays in term times.

The local Code of Conduct allows for Penalty Notices to be issued to parents who take their children out of school for holidays and leave of absence without the permission of the school. A copy of the **Penalty Notice Code of Conduct - Revised August 2014** (following consultation) can be downloaded from the BMDC website. It will shortly be uploaded to the school website too.