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Newsletter for 13th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to all our year 6 pupils who took their SATs this week. They were brilliant and all gave 100% - we couldn't have asked for more. Today they are enjoying a well deserved day of fun, relaxation and jollity.

Year 2 have their SATs coming up very shortly and Year 1, and a few Year 2 pupils, have their phonics screening assessment in the very near future. Good luck to them all.

Children in Reception are carefully looking after the chicks that are hatching in class. They have given them all names, I'm very impressed that they can tell one chick from another—great identification skills!

No news about the Dragon's egg in Year 2 but we live in hope!

Now that the weather is getting better children can bring caps in to wear at break and lunch times. Sunglasses are not suitable because they present health and safety problems when children are very active, falling off, and may be damaged if handled carelessly. You can also apply sun cream before school. Many sun creams now offer long term protection. We ask that children do not bring cream in to apply themselves because of the time taken and the confusion it causes.

Thank you for all your support.

DIARY DATES:

Monday 16th May—Year 6 visit to the Anne Frank Exhibition in Bradford.

Thursday 19th May— (Year 3 & 4 Choir only) visit to the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts the Craiglands.

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.

Can we ask parents to be vigilant if their children are playing on the equipment in the playground before and after school to avoid accidents. During the school day the equipment is supervised to ensure children play safely and do not climb over the top of equipment but children have been seen doing this after school which is causing us some concern.



LEARNING HEROES

Reception

Charlie Eccles

For having a positive learning attitude.

Year 1

Haydan Turzynski

For being resilient and confident in all aspects of school life.

Year 2

Imogen Oliver

For being caring, kind, funny, thoughtful and really good at maths.

Year 3

Alfie Roberts

For being funny, independent, curious and always has a smile on his face.

Year 4

Finlay Craggs

For showing a mature attitude to his learning.

Year 5

Sophia Rickard

For showing resilience, concentrating on her work and respecting others..

Year 6

The Whole Class

For working so hard in their SATs.

House Points Table

WEEKLY LEADERBOARD:

Wherside = 231
Ingleborough = 316
Buckden = 228
Pen-y-Ghent = 195

OVERALL LEADERBOARD

Pen-y-Gent = 6140
Buckden = 5828
Ingleborough = 5813
Wherside = 5787

We have not had time to do the totals this week.

It's getting close at the top!

Fundraising activity for a Bradford hospital children's charity.

Mrs Jowett (Emily's mum) is holding a Toy, book and cake sale after school in the playground on Friday 20th May. Prices start at 50p please come and see if there is anything you would like to buy.

This week the 'Caretakers Tidy Classroom Awards' goes to

EYFS and KS2—Year

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.