



BEN RHYDDING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

This week at school has been a very special week as every class in school has marked the Centenary of World War 1. Each year we always make sure that we remember to pause and reflect, on Remembrance Day, on the lives lost through war and conflict around the world. This year we have extended our commemoration activities to ensure that Ben Rhydding has joined in with the rest of the country to commemorate the Centenary of WW1. We even created our own poppy field where every poppy made by a child was placed in memory of a soldier lost in the Great War. The work and learning that has been generated this week has been really impressive and as I have visited classes during the week, I have no doubt that the children understand the importance of remembrance and will make sure that they continue to place importance on Remembrance as they live their lives. Look out for the picture in this week's Gazette.

SCHOOL NEWS

Reception 2015

If you have a child born between 1.9.2010 and 31.8.2011 and you are unsure that we have your child's name and details on our data base please check with the School Office. We will be sending out information from Bradford Council regarding applying for a Primary School place shortly.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 14 November 2014, 3.15 pm onwards : Children in Need Cake Bake Sale
- PTA Call My Quaff Wine tasting at 8pm
- Saturday 15th November Westville House Cross Country at the Rugby Club.
- NO CHESS CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER DUE TO PARENT CONSULTATIONS
MAD SCIENCE CLUB WILL STILL TAKE PLACE BUT IT IS THE LAST ONE
AND LEGO CLUB WILL STILL GO AHEAD TOO.
- Parent Consultations week beginning 17th November – sign up sheets will be placed in the hall by the windows on Monday 10th November.
- Friday 21st November – DRESS DOWN DAY – bring in sweets for the school Christmas Fair – see below.
- Wednesday 26th & 27th & 28th November School Book Fair 3.30 – 4.15pm
- Wednesday 26th November - School Disco Key Stage 1 5-6pm, KS2 6.15 – 7.15pm
- Reply Slips should be returned before 21st November
- Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, Friday 28th – Please come along to the school BOOK FAIR in the Dining Room 3.30pm – 4.15pm
- Friday 28th November – Two new uniform suppliers are coming in to school at 3.15pm. Please pop in to have a look. This will be running alongside the Bookfair
- Saturday 29th November – Ben Rhydding Cross Country – Parent helpers required to make sure this event runs smoothly, please leave names at the office. Thank you

- Sunday 30th November 2.30-5.00 pm - School Christmas Fayre.
- **Tuesday 2nd December at 6pm - Emotional Resilience Talk by Dr Tracey Johnson from Gateways School**
- Wednesday 10th December KS1 Nativity at 5pm
- Friday 12th December – KS1 Nativity at 9.10am
- Friday 12th December – Year 2 Visit to see Snow White at the Carriage Works, Leeds
- Tuesday 16th December 7- 8pm School Choir Christmas Concert with Ilkley Choral Society

Dress Down Day - Friday 21st November

The children are being invited to come to school on Friday 21st November in casual clothing. They are being asked to bring in either some sweets which will be used for the Sweet Tombola at the Christmas Fayre or a small gift for the Pocket Money Stall, such as pencils, rubbers or anything which would not cost more than about 20p to buy.

GENERAL NOTICES

New School Website

Our new school website is now live and can be accessed at [www.http://www.benrhydding.ngfl.ac.uk/](http://www.benrhydding.ngfl.ac.uk/)
The new site aims to give our parents and community important information about our school as well as accessing latest news and events. Children can still access the virtual learning environment through the website, by clicking on the 'pupils' tab then 'VLE'. In this section children will find information specific to their class and current areas of learning. Please use the virtual office link to find useful forms and policies.

Learn to Rock Instrument and Singing Lessons Recruiting for January 2015

We are now recruiting for instrument and singing lessons starting in January 2015.

Lessons are available as follows:

Keyboard and Piano, Singing, Drums, Classical and Electric Guitar, Sax, Flute, Clarinet

For further information please contact us at Learn to Rock 01944 768724 or email us: admin@learntorock.co.uk

Or visit our website for more details: www.learntorock.co.uk

Cake and Sweet Stall

Catherine Boyle, an ex pupil of Ben Rhydding Primary School will be holding a cake and sweet stall in our playground (weather permitting) on Friday 21 November. Catherine is raising funds for her World Scouts and Guides Jamboree trip to Japan next year - please support her if you can.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

On 20th September Danielle Moor hosted a charity event in aid of Macmillan Cancer and raised some money by selling raffle tickets for various prizes. There are still three unclaimed prizes in the School Office with the following ticket numbers on them :- 225 , 361 and 365. If you have one of these ticket no.s please collect your prize from the school office by Friday 21st November, after which time it will be donated for the Christmas Fayre.

DINNER MONEY & MILK MONEY

Dinner money up until the half term holiday for Key Stage 2 children is £52.70. Cheques should be made payable to **BMC School Meals**

Choices deadline for School Christmas Dinner is Friday 14th November. Anyone currently on packed lunches can sign up for this at a charge of £1.55 if in Key Stage 2. Free for any in KS1. See slip below

Message from Miss Meakin – Year 4

Please can anyone donate any spare black buttons for an art project.

SPORTS INFORMATION

Westville House Cross Country Event

On **Saturday 15th November 2014** Westville House School will be hosting their Cross Country event; this event will count towards the Wharfedale Primary School's League and is taking place **at Ilkley Rugby Club**. There will be limited parking available on site, and there will be further parking at the Swimming Pool and down Middleton Avenue. Registration will be from 9.00 am onwards at the school's minibus and Mr.Fletcher will be attending. Children must arrive, dressed ready to run and must be accompanied by an adult. All course and schedule details are available at <http://www.ilkleyharriers.org.uk/jh/07roydxcraces.html>

The timings for the day are as follows:

Reception & KS1	Start Time	Lower KS2	Start Time	Upper KS2	Start Time
Rec Girls	9.20am				
Rec Boys	9.25am				
Year 1 Girls	9.30am	Year 3 Girls	10.15am	Year 5 Girls	11.10am
Year 1 Boys	9.35am	Year 3 Boys	10.25am	Year 5 Boys	11.20am
Year 2 Girls	9.40am	Year 4 Girls	10.35am	Year 6 Girls	11.30am
Year 2 Boys	9.50am	Year 4 Boys	10.45am	Year 6 Boys	11.40am
Reception & KS1 Prizegiving	10.00 am	Lower KS2 Prizegiving	10.55am	Upper KS2 Prizegiving	11.50am

Please complete and return the slip at the **bottom of the Newsletter** as soon as possible if you wish your child(ren) to compete, as it is easier on the morning if I already have a list of names.

However I am keen for as many children as possible to run so if you are unsure until the last minutes you can still turn up and run. Remember you must give me your finishing number to record on the score sheet.

Mr R Fletcher – Year 3 Class Teacher & PE Coordinator

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

We are still looking for volunteers for the Christmas Fayre on the 30th November 2.30-5pm. We need the following stalls covering. Refreshments, pocket money stall and cake stall. Come on people we can't have a Christmas Fayre without mulled wine or cake! Please contact Claire Macina 07951535881

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ben Rhydding Pre School Fundraising "At the Races" Night

Ben Rhydding Pre School is holding its fundraising "At the Races" Night (as in fun night of drinking, chatting and having a flutter on the horses) on Friday 21st November at 8pm. It promises to be a great night and we would love to see you there. Tickets are £5 each, including a free drink on arrival and free nibbles. Pop into preschool to get tickets or see Carrie Bridgen or Emma Home around school. Alternatively email preschool on mail@brplaygroup.com. The race night will be held in the Playstation room in the Pre School building and there will be plenty of drinks available to buy. We look forward to seeing you.

Pat's Party

Thank you for everyone for coming to Pat's Party Bonfire a good time was had by all.
We raised £2400 for the ebola appeal for Save The Children.

Woodhouse Grove School Open Morning will be held on **Saturday 15th November**
9.30am – 12 noon. Fliers on shelves outside our main school officer for further information.

Ilkley Christmas Lights Switch On – Saturday 22nd November 2014

Don't forget the Grand procession with Father Christmas and his horse drawn coach plus lots of fun entertainment, food and drinks from 2.30pm on the Grove. All children are welcome (and feel free to dress up!)

Yours sincerely

C Lynott (Mrs)
Headteacher

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER REPLY SLIP

CHILD'S NAME..... YEAR.....

Roast Turkey & Trimmings Sprouts (optional extra)
Vegetarian option

Christmas pud and vanilla sauce
Chocolate sponge and chocolate custard
Cold option

I enclose £1.55 for my child to have Christmas lunch or My child will bring a packed lunch

DISCO REPLY SLIP

If your child has any food allergies that the kitchen is unaware of please indicate below.

Wednesday 26th November

KS1 5 - 6pm

KS2 6:15 -7:15pm

Only £3.00

Includes juice & crisps

Child KS1 / KS2

Child KS1 / KS2

Child KS1 / KS2

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (cheques to Ben Rhydding PTA)

This is a ticketless event: names will be taken on the door. Please note that children should enter via the dining room entrance and leave via the main hall/ playground doors. Coats can be left near the dining hall.

Please indicate if you would be willing to help KS1 KS2