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Dear Parents / Carers,

We've enjoyed another brilliant, busy week in school. We are proud to announce that our school community have been awarded the 'My Happy Mind' Bronze accreditation which I hope you've see displayed at the front of our school. This week I've been very impressed with children's learning behaviours, particularly in Maths and their enjoyment of Art classes. One child in Class 10 told me how she intends to become a professional artist and open her own art gallery! I can't wait to visit. Most of all, it has been wonderful to hear our children's joyous singing flood the school and lift our spirits as we prepare for our autumnal Harvest Celebration on Monday. Please be reminded that tinned and dried donations will be received throughout the half term with a delivery to our local Food Bank in Bramley, just in time for the half term.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Searson
Head Teacher



Attendance



The Department for Education have communicated new updates to attendance which has been communicated with you in preparation for this new academic year.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/education-2/school-attendance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Please be reminded that any late arrival (after registers have closed) is now recorded and classed as an 'Unauthorised Absence' so please make every effort to arrive at school before the registers are closed at 9:45am. Thank you.

Reporting of Illnesses

Please may we ask for your co-operation in a vitally important matter? One of our pupils in our school family is receiving medical treatment for cancer. This puts the pupil at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox, shingles or gastroenteritis etc. If you suspect your child has any of these illnesses, please let the school know immediately. Our pupil is at high risk and would need to take action. It is also very important that you let us know if your household has shingles. Thank you for your invaluable support and co-operation.

When deciding if your child is well enough for school, please consult the NHS link below and telephone the school office to speak to a member of staff or leave a message.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Communication

Please use Dojo to communicate with your class teacher and to receive informative school and class updates. Arbor is used to process payments. Thank you for communicating any absence, appointments and late arrivals via the school office. This is much appreciated.

Home Learning

RWI books will now be accompanying home Gold Sticker reading books on a weekly basis. Please record all shared reading experiences in individual school diaries. A 'Home Learning' menu, along with individual class curriculum information has been posted on Dojo Class Stories.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available to all children. During this session children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast food and drink as well as access a gymnastics session on a Friday morning. Breakfast club starts at 07.45am. Places are still available. Please book your child's place and make payment using Arbor or contact the school office for further information.

After School Clubs

Delivered by professionals from 'Live & Learn'

Monday – **World Cup Football Skill and Matches** - 15.05pm-16.10pm (FS2/KS1)

Wednesday – **Hot Shots Basketball Skills and Games** - 15.05pm-16.10pm (FS2/KS1)

Friday – **Gymnastics** – 07:45am – 8:30am (FS2/KS1)

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Diary Dates Term 1 2024

Monday 23 rd September	Harvest Celebration at St. Francis Church (KS1 9:30am) (EYFS school 11am)
Tuesday 24 th September	Wickersley Library visit for Class 7 & Class 8
Tuesday 1 st October	Wickersley Library visit for Class 6 & Class 10
Wednesday 2 nd October	Family Learning session in school 'Bringing Books to Life' – information to follow
Thursday 4 th October	National Poetry Day – information to follow
Thursday 3 rd October	School Dinner Taster Experience – information to follow
Tuesday 8 th October	Skipton Castle visit for Class 7 & Class 8
Tuesday 8 th October	Wickersley Library visit for Class 5
Thursday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day – information to follow
Thursday 17 th October	Hedgehog visit to FS2/Reception classes
Tuesday 22 nd October	Superhero Curriculum Celebration for parents of children in Class 5, 6 and 10
Wednesday 23 rd October	Geography Field Trip in the local community for Class 6, 7 and 8
Wednesday 23 rd October	End of Half Term Disco – information to follow
Friday 25 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 25 th October	Last day of autumn 1 half term
Monday 4 th November	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Children back to school for autumn 2 half term
Friday 8 th November	School Photographs – Individual
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – information to follow
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	World Nursery Rhyme Week – information to follow
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 th November	Wickersley Library visit school – EYFS all
Wednesday 13 th November	Family Learning session – information to follow
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need – information to follow
Wednesday 20 th – 25 th November	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 21 st November	Parent Consultations – information to follow
Friday 22 nd November	Family Learning session – information to follow
Wednesday 4 th December	FS1/Nursery Christmas Performance
Thursday 5 th December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – PM
Friday 6 th December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – AM
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Celebrations at St. Francis Church – information to follow
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school
Monday 6 th January	Return to school

**Subject to change. **More dates will be added in due course to enhance our curriculum and keep you well informed.*

Term Dates for 2024

2nd September – 25th October 2024

5th November – 20th December 2024

6th January – 14th February 2025

25th February – 28th March 2025

14th April – 17th April 2025 (Easter weekend 18th-21st)

22nd April – 1st May 2025 (5th May, May day)

6th May – 23rd May 2025

2nd June – 23rd July 2025

Inset Days 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

