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Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of a busy half term. I am sure, like me, you are all thankful for the lighter mornings and evenings as summer draws a little closer. Summer will be here before we know it. As always, thank you for your support as we continue to work together to improve our school. It has been a real team effort and we are very grateful for all the reading at home, homework support and efforts into improving punctuality and attendance.

We recently opened our school library on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am and again on those days after school until 3.30pm. This opportunity is open to all year groups and we would love to see parents coming in and enjoying books with their children. Our 'Book and a Bagel' events seem to be very popular and we are working hard to build a love of reading in our school, so if you have time on one of those days, please feel free to come inside and join us.

I am pleased to tell you that we are one of the schools in Bradford that are part of the Clear Air campaign. We are asking that all parents, when parked outside or nearby school, turn off their vehicle engines in an effort to keep the air our children are breathing clean. Look out for our new banner promoting this outside school – it is a great reminder! We know parking and traffic around school can cause us all problems so as the days get a little lighter, why not walk to and from school, which would be even better!

Before Christmas, many of our children were struck with the sickness and flu bug causing them to be absent. We have had to work hard to keep on top of attendance as our whole school attendance figures dropped. We are seeing an improvement again now but continue to ask that if your child is unwell, you administer paracetamol at home and bring them to school. If we have any concerns, we will get in touch. Like you, we want your children to learn and achieve well. For that to happen, we need them to be in school. Part of being a 'good' school is having good attendance and that is something we all want. If you have any questions around attendance, please feel free to speak to myself, an Assistant Head or our Attendance and Welfare Office, Mr Colfax.

It is great that so many of our children want to come to school early and play in the school playground. We have several developments coming up in the playground over the spring months and we want the children to be able to enjoy them. We do ask however, that children do not bring their own footballs in to school to play with, as some children could be hurt. We also ask that children are supervised, by their parents or carers, on the playground as this ensures they are safe before the start of the school day. If children attend our breakfast club, they have the opportunity to join in with some supervised games in the school hall.

Finally, just a polite reminder about uniform. We set high expectations in school around school uniform and footwear. We ask that children wear school shoes indoors but if they want to change in to trainers at lunchtime to run around in, they are welcome to do so. Black pumps are fine to wear inside but not trainers.

The list of term dates can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half term break. We will see you all again on Monday 24th February at the usual time – 08:50am

Kind regards



Miss Clapham
Head of School

February 2020		Time	Activity
Mon 24th	School re-opens	8:50am	
Wed 26th	Year 2 - Educational Visit	9.00am	Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Thurs 27th	Year 5 - Educational Visit	9.00am	Tropical World
Thurs 27th	Y4 book & bagel	9:00am	Y4 parents – come and enjoy a bagel and a book with your child.
March 2020		Time	Activity
Tue 3rd	Reception – Educational Visit	9.00am	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wed 4th	Craft Sessions	9.00am & 2.00pm	Years 3 & Year 4 parents – ticket only
Thurs 5th	World Book Day	-	Further information will be sent out in a letter
Fri 6th	REC book & bagel	9:00am	Reception parents – come and enjoy a bagel and a book with your child.
Mon 9th	RNLI Water safety talk Y1 – Y6	---	During school day
Wed 11th	Year 1 – Educational Visit	9.00am	Cannon Hall Farm
Thurs 12th	Y3 book & bagel	9:00am	Y3 parents - come and enjoy a bagel and a book with your child.
Fri 13th	Sports Relief	-	Further information will be sent out nearer the time
Thurs 19th	Parents Evening	3:30 – 6:00pm	Letters will be sent out after February half term
Tue 24th	Parents Evening	3:30 – 5:30pm	Letters will be sent out after February half term
Wed 25th	Year 3 – Educational Visit	9.00am	Industrial Museum
Thurs 26th	Y4 residential		1 night Return 27 th March
Thurs 26th	NUR book & bagel	9:00am	Nursery parents - come and enjoy a bagel and a book with your child.
Fri 27th	Y5 book & bagel	9:00am	Y5 parents - come and enjoy a bagel and a book with your child.
Mon 30th – Fri 3rd	Y5 Bikeability	During school day	
April 2020			
Fri 3rd	100% attendance reward	During school day	For children who have achieved 100% attendance this half term
Fri 3rd	Break up for half term	3:10pm	School reopens on Monday 20 th April at 8.50am
Mon 20th	School re-opens	8:50am	