

Dear families,

We hope you all had a lovely October half term and are as excited as we are about this next half term in school.

We are so happy to be trailing the safe reopening of our Breakfast Club, and whilst it does look a bit different to how it was running previously, we needed to make these changes to make sure we can open safely, and keep the children our main priority when attending.

A letter has been sent out separately with the new details, however if you do have any queries, please do speak to myself, Mrs Stevens or a member of the staff about this.

Staffing Updates

I am pleased to announce that Mr Scott will be joining us on the 22nd November, to work alongside Mrs Stevens. Mr Scott is very excited about joining us, and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, and the children are going to love him. I know he will feel welcomed by all the families and community who work so hard with us.

Mr Blake will be joining us in January, to work in Year 3 while Miss Hadfield is on maternity. Mr Blake is hoping to come and meet the children before he joins us officially in January. Mr Blake is an exceptional teacher and I know our children will love having him cover Miss Hadfield's maternity.

Attendance

Despite COVID-19 and the impact it is having on children's attendance, we still promote our attendance policy, encouraging our children to aspire to attend every day, on time. We understand that from time to time, your child may become generally unwell with other bugs and colds etc. We do however ask, that whatever your child's illness, you let school know via the text message or telephone message at your earliest convenience, but no later than 9:15am.

Obviously if your child develops COVID-19 and has to self-isolate, there is nothing that can be done about it and our main priority is that your child (and your family) are keeping as safe and well as possible.

Other than for sickness, we do expect that your child should be busy learning and socialising with their peers at school. Holidays will continue to be unauthorised unless there are extra special circumstances.

If you are going on holiday, we ask that you continue to discuss this with us, and complete a Leave of Absence application form available from the school office. Penalty Notices are being issued by the Local Authority, and the school does not receive the charges which are made

The doors to the classrooms remain open from 8:40am, and all children are expected to be in their classrooms ready to start learning before the doors are closed at 9.00am. Parents are expected to provide a reason for lateness if arriving with their child at reception after this time.

We will shortly be organising Attendance Meetings for families that we feel might need some extra support to discuss their child's attendance and punctuality, and advice will be offered to avoid further late marks. We appreciate all efforts from parents to avoid your child arriving late and thank all the families/children who ALWAYS arrive on time.

Dates for the diary

We have a number of fun activities coming up for the children, and details will be sent out nearer the time, however here is a quick summary of some of the events.

Date	Event
W/C 22/11/21	Parent's Evening via Telephone (more information to follow)
15/11/21	Year 6 Safety Talk – Sign up for Sam £3 to purchase a wristband
19/11/21	Year 1 - Trip to Rotherham Transport Museum (Please come in school uniform) – 9.00-3.00 pm
19/11/21	Children in Need – Dress up or Non-Uniform £1
19/11/21	Pudsey Bear biscuits £1 to be given out – Pre-order only
22/11/21	Year 6 - Trip to Sheffield Manor Lodge, 9.00-3.30 pm
24/11/21	Year 5 - Trip to Jorvik Centre York, 9.00-3.30 pm
01/12/21	Christmas Movie Night - 3.00-4.15 pm
06/12/21	Theatre Company in school 9.30 am Pantomime Jack and The Beanstalk
08/12/21	Christmas Market 2 pm
09/12/21	Christmas Dinner Day
10/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day
13/12/21	Year 4 - Trip to Clifton Museum, Romans - 9.00-3.00 pm
13/12/21	Year 2 - Members of Clifton Museum in school showing antique toys - 9.30-11.30 am
13/12/21	Y1–Y6 school visit to Hope Church 1.15 pm
16/12/21	Breakfast with Santa (more information to follow)
16/12/21	Class Party Day
16/12/21	Christmas Carols and Raffle Drawn - 1:30 pm (Parents and Children)
04/01/22	School Re-opens 8.40 am (Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.00 am)

I look forward to a positive half term on the lead up to Christmas and can't wait for some celebrations with parents and children!

As always, thank you for all of your continued support of the school and staff.

Yours sincerely,



Mr I Tankard
Headteacher