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Happy New Year!

We hope that you have all had a safe and pleasant holiday and that those of you who celebrated Christmas had happy festivities despite the restrictions.

There has been lots of information published on social media and in the news recently about Covid updates and about the possible risks to children and staff in schools. We would want to reassure you all that we are still following our very detailed risk assessment plan (available on the website) to the letter and are doing everything we possibly can to follow all Government guidance and keep each other as safe as possible. We will remain open for all pupils as we believe passionately that they all deserve access to their education and that school is as safe a place for them to be as possible. Should you have any concerns or worries, please ring school and speak to a member of the Leadership Team who will be happy to help you.

This term is always a busy one and this year will be no different. Each year group has new exciting themes they are working on as below:

PRE-SCHOOL – 50Things / speech & language & toilet training

NURSERY – Brr! It's Cold Outside!

RECEPTION – Here Come the Bears!

YEAR 1 – Footprints in the Snow

YEAR 2 – London & The Great Fire of London

YEAR 3 – The Jurassic World (dinosaurs)

YEAR 4 – Africa

YEAR 5 – The Great Outdoors / Adventurers & Explorers

YEAR 6 – Made in America!

Any help and support you can give your child at home around these topics / with Learning at home work and especially lots and lots of reading is very much appreciated and WILL make a big difference to their progress.

As usual, we have words of the week guiding our work over the coming half term. For this half term, these will be: Determined, Knowledgeable, Courteous, Change-makers, Mathematicians and Kind.

We would extend a warm welcome to our new site manager, Mr J Beale and our new Business Manager, Ms P Walsh who join us this term. We know you will make them feel welcome here as part of our Eastwood family.

Can we take this opportunity to remind everyone about compulsory school uniform, in particular ties for yrs 5&6 and plain black shoes. As per our previous texts, if children are cold in school because we have to have the windows open for Covid-risk assessment reasons, they are welcome to wear additional plain, dark coloured layers on top of their school uniforms. We would definitely recommend hats, scarves and gloves as well as warm, waterproof coats as we will be outside as much as possible too.

Thankyou for your support, as always.
Mrs Carter, Headteacher.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SPRING 1

Our focus for School Development this half term is MATHS and DEEPER LEARNING / CHALLENGE. Check out our Twitter feed for examples of what we've been getting up to as the term progresses....

HEALTH AND FITNESS AT HOME

We know many of our pupils are missing out on attending clubs at the moment because of Covid restrictions, and also pupils isolating at home are not able to exercise outside of the home. Exercise is so important to our physical and mental health, especially at the moment. Please log on to: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub> for lots of live stream videos you can access at home.

TRAFFIC and PARKING

You may have noticed in the Keighley News that Bradford council intend to put traffic calming measures in place in the Lawkholme area. We will update you on these measures as soon as we know more. In the meantime, please can we remind all families to not park in the middle of Victoria Avenue and to avoid driving right down to the gates to turn around. The gates must be kept clear at all times for access by staff, visitors and the emergency services. Thankyou.

ICY / WATERLOGGED PATHS

Our new site manager will work very hard to keep our site safe for us all by clearing waterlogged areas / icy paths (please note our salt is white so it might not be visible to you). For paths outside of our school fencing, these are the responsibility of the Council. When it is icy, we notify the Council and request gritting. You can also do this (the more who request it, the more likely it will be they will do it!) by going to this link: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/emergencies/winter-and-gritting/gritting-request-form/> Or search Google with 'Bradford Council Gritting' and clicking 'Request Gritting'.

COVID CLOSURES

Thank you all for your support during the last few weeks and months. We would like to especially thank the families who have used the **school Covid phone 07760 721495** to contact us. This worked really well and we were able to keep everyone safe when returning this half term as a result.

We would want to remind you again that, **if you or anyone in your family has possible Covid symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss/change of smell or taste) you MUST go to <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/> to get your symptoms checked. DO NOT COME INTO SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE THIS.** This will guide you through what to do to keep yourself and others around you safe. If you cannot access this, call 111. You can ask for an interpreter if you are happier speaking in your first language.