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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

We are delighted to have been able to welcome all our pupils back into school this week and sincerely hope you enjoyed our welcome back party atmosphere on Monday with the balloons, banners and music. We have had some lovely feedback from pupils and family members about how welcome everyone has been made to feel which is great; we do try our best to foster a true caring, community atmosphere. Please do keep your feedback coming, it is appreciated. Mrs Carter, Headteacher

PLACES IN SCHOOL

If your child, or someone you know has a child who turns 2 or 3 this year and you want a place for them in our pre-school or nursery, please phone the office ASAP as places are filling up quickly. Also, if you want a Reception place in September for your 4 or 5 year old, please contact us to discuss this so that you don't miss out on a place.

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING ABOUT?

Our focus at the moment is on ensuring all pupils feel happy and settled in school. We will be doing lots of art and creative learning as well as sport and outdoor learning (please do ensure your child has appropriate clothing for whatever the weather throws at us as we will still go outside even if it is wet, windy or cold!). For the next 2 weeks our whole school foci will be:

Week 4 – Art and Design Technology

Week 5 – Religious Education

After the Easter holidays, year groups will have new themes which will be shared with you on the year group newsletters.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

For this half term, these are: **Cheerful and Gifted**
Next half term, they will be: **determined, proud, imaginative, inclusive, celebrating, considerate & inventive.**

LEARNING AT HOME

We have decided to only ask pupils to learn spellings and read every night until after Easter as they have been doing lots of learning at home recently. New Learning at Home menus will be sent home after the holiday. If you need any support from teachers or associate staff, please phone school or speak to staff members on playground / door duty.

COMIC RELIEF

We will be supporting this charity fundraising event again this year on FRIDAY 19TH MARCH. Everyone is invited to come to school wearing RED for the day. Buckets will be placed at all gates for your donations (suggested 50p / £1 per child). Thank you in advance for your support.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School closes at lunchtime on Friday 26th March and reopens on Monday 12th April. Start / finish times will be the same as they are now until further notice.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SPRING 1 & 2

Our focus for School Development this half term is MATHS and DEEPER LEARNING / CHALLENGE. Next half term, we will be developing our approaches to CREATIVE ARTS teaching and learning. We will start this theme off with a creative competition starting next week. Watch out for the letters coming home soon about creating a potato character! ☺

FRIDAY DANCY DRESS FUN!

We hope you have been enjoying taking part in our Friday Fancy Dress Fun days this half term! Every Friday we will dress up. Friday 12th March has a SCIENCE & SCIENTISTS theme and Friday 19th March we will be WEARING RED or SUPERHERO costumes in aid of Comic relief (see below).

SAFER STREETS

You may have received a letter or seen the Keighley News article or signs around school about this campaign which will limit access to Victoria Avenue and nearby streets before and after school. This is a Bradford Council initiative to make coming to and from school safer for our pupils and reduce traffic and pollution near schools. As we hear more from the council about how this will work, we will keep you updated.

TEXT MESSAGES

In order to further improve our communications with you all, we will be changing our text message provider to a new service called SchoolPing. This is an app-based service which will allow us to send newsletters etc.. to you electronically and will also mean you can book parents evening appointments and pay for trips etc.. much more easily.

Watch out for more info coming home soon...

COVID REMINDERS

If you or anyone in your family has **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.** Your **WHOLE FAMILY MUST ISOLATE AT HOME UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE RESULTS** in case they come back positive. Please phone the school office on 610212 to keep us informed so we can support and advise you as best we can. Thankyou.

MASK WEARING

Please can all adults and children over the age of 11 who are not pupils at our school to please wear a face covering at all times while on site to help keep everyone safe. Staff will keep 2m distance from everyone so that we can be recognized easily as staff members. Thank you for your support.