



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the school.

Thank you everyone for your support with the children during this long half term.

The Senior Leadership Team are delighted with the amount of quality learning and work the pupils have produce so far this school year; and the children and staff are looking forward to sharing their achievements with you all at our Parents' Consultation meetings early next half term.

We Are MindMate Champions!

We were very excited to discover this week that we have been awarded MindMate Champion status.

We were awarded with the MindMate Friendly status in February 2018 and, since then, have been working hard to improve many areas of provision in relation to mental health with a particular focus on empowering our children to develop a range of strategies in order to help them cope with a range of emotions and situations in life.

Among many other elements including our work on MindMate lessons within the PSHE curriculum, MindMate assemblies, mindfulness practice, individual play therapy and the achievements of our very own Guiding Lights Programme have been real highlights.

Thank you to all parents who attended the recent Mental Health Awareness Day and for the positive feedback I received about the presentation delivery by Gemma from The Charlie Waller memorial Trust. Further information and support on mental health can be found at www.mindmate.org.uk.

Parking Outside School.

Over the past few weeks, school has received a number of calls from parents and local residents concerned about the traffic and movement of vehicles at the start and close of the school day. This includes illegal parking and parents dropping children off on the zebra crossing.

We have been working closely with the Civil Enforcement Department who have been monitoring the situation outside

school. In the last month, thirty penalty charge notices have been issued to parents of children at our school. Whilst this may be upsetting for the drivers involved, the safety of our children and families remains paramount.

Please can you also remind your children not to walk through the staff carpark and to keep to the pathways around the school grounds. Thank you.

Punctuality.

Yes, I know it is hard to drag ourselves out of bed these dark autumn mornings. I too, have to tackle my own children every morning who regularly refuse to get up.

However, it is important that our pupils get to school on time. I have noticed recently more families waiting in the office area to sign their children in late. We are currently monitoring this situation and will be contacting certain families who are regular repeat offenders.

A special thank you to all those families who get to school on time! We really do appreciate your support.

Other dates for your diary.

As a school, we actively promote British Values. On Monday 11th November, our lovely school community will be commemorating Remembrance Day by holding a two minute silence to remember all the brave service men and women who have lost their lives fighting for their country. Poppies will be on sale shortly.

Our Annual Gun Powder Plot Ball Disco is on Wednesday 6th November. Tickets are now on sale at the Key Stage 1 playground window before and after school.

Children in Need is being celebrated on Friday 15th November. This year's theme is 'The Big Morning Move', more details will follow shortly.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break with your children and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 5th November.

Best wishes,
Mr. Edensor
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 4th November

Training Day.
School closed to pupils.

Tuesday 5th November

School re-opens.
Year 6 Parents' SATs meeting.
More details to follow.

Wednesday 6th November

Parent – Gym course starts at 9.30am today and continues on a weekly basis.

Thursday 7th November

9am Maths Parent workshop on how to support your child with maths at home. Repeated at 5.30pm.

Tuesday 12th November

Hunslet Fire Station Team in working with Year 5 today.

Wednesday 13th November

Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening.
3.30pm until 5.00pm.

Thursday 14th November

Parents' and Carers' Consultation Evening.
3.30pm until 7.00pm.

Friday 22nd November

Year 6 visit to the Gurdwara.

Friday 29th November

It is our annual 'Christmas Decoration' Morning across school – 9am until 10.30am. Everyone welcome to visit their children's classes.

Reminders

Now that the cold, wet weather approaches, please remember to label all of your children's school uniform, including their coat, scarfs and gloves!