

Good Afternoon

School Prefects

As you know, last week we held our school elections for House Prefects. I would like to say congratulations to all our candidates who were brave enough to put themselves forward. This in itself shows resilience, self-confidence and a willingness to take on responsibility.

Over the weekend the votes were counted and our House Prefects were announced in Celebration Assembly this morning. I am sure they will represent our school and their houses with pride – many congratulations.

Mr Cusdin

At the end of this term we will sadly say goodbye to Mr Cusdin. He is leaving Westbourne and moving to a new school in Buckinghamshire where he will take up a new position as Headteacher. Mr Cusdin has been a part of our Westbourne family for 14 years and has made a significant difference to many of our children and families. We will miss Mr Cusdin's energy, knowledge and wit (but we will not miss his terrible jokes!) He has had a huge impact on the lives of many people during his time at Westbourne and we are all very grateful for all he has done.

I am sure you will join us in wishing him all the best in his new role – his new school is very lucky to have him.

Galaxkey Assembly

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an online safety assembly to enable our pupils to safeguard themselves against the risks associated with using some online technology.

You can also take steps at home to protect your children when they are using devices by setting up parental controls and supervising children whilst online.

If you need any further support <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

Is your child in Y6 and due to start secondary school in September 2023?

Applications opened on Monday 12th September and close on Sunday 31st October.

Details of how to apply can be found on Bradford Council's website: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/apply-for-a-place-at-one-of-bradford-districts-schools/>



Our Parent Partner group meet every Friday at 9am in the SSA. Please come along, we would love to meet and have a chat over a cup of tea/coffee.



Lates & Attendances

Please remember that doors open at 8.45am with lessons beginning at 8.50am.

Please ensure your child arrives at school for 8.45am so they are ready for the start of lessons.



Are you interested in learning how to sew/use a sewing machine? If so then why not come along to a free course run in association with Bradford College with a qualification on completion. Every Wednesday 9.15am - 11.45am in our SSA building, all resources provided. Please report to the school office on the day.



Everybody read!

Reading together with your child matters!

Sharing books makes a big difference to your child's education.

When you read to your child you are making a positive impact on your child's reading ability and their love of reading.

Reading a book and chatting about it has a positive impact on your child's ability to:

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills

Reading books your child has chosen to read for pleasure is one of the best things you can do to help them succeed at school.

A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success!

Parental involvement in the development of children's reading skills:
A five-year longitudinal study (2002) Senechal, M. and Lefvre, J.



Everybody read!

Does it matter how I read with my child?

- Studies show that it's the enjoyment and chat that matters!
- The more you chat together about the book and things that interest your child the more impact it has.
- You don't even have to read the words on the page, talking about the pictures is just as important.



Does it matter which language I use?

- Use your home language.
- It is better for your child to hear expert talk from you in your language.
- Many studies tell us it is the back-and-forth talk between adults and children when they are sharing books that makes the difference to children's language and comprehension.
- This impact will translate to better language and comprehension for your child in English.

Does the type of book matter?

- Let your child be the boss of the books they choose. Enjoyment really matters.
- Comics, information books, magazines, story books, picture books, poems and leaflets are all great for sharing.
- Catalogues are fun to share and talk about too.

What if they always want to read the same book?

- Repeated reading of books is really beneficial for children. It helps them memorise parts of stories, words and phrases too.
- Knowing a book or poem by heart is fun and powerful for children, they can 'read' the story with you, or join in with words of phrases.
- If you really want to mix it up offer another book alongside the much-loved favourite!



Diary Dates

October	
Monday 3rd	Reception balance ability Y3/4 Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear.
Thursday 6 th	Smoothie Bike in school
Monday 10 th	Y2 First Aid Training Y5 Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear. 9AM- Coffee Morning for parents of children with SEND needs.

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