

Good Afternoon from Miss Marwood

I can't believe that we are the end of our first half term of the academic year. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your children. We had a fantastic day today with our 'Spooky Science Day'. Every classroom was busy making scientific potions, writing mystery messages and carrying out different science experiments. Thankyou to all staff for the extra effort they put into making these days memorable for our children.

We have also had a visit from our PCSO today. Year 6 pupils have learnt about the dangers of fireworks and Year 1 had a chance to interview him and find out more about the job he does. I have also spent this week looking at pupils' English and Reading books with members of staff from the English team. You can already see progress being made and I can see that children are proud of their work.

Today we say our goodbyes to Mrs Edwards who after 9 years is leaving Westbourne to take up a new position in a new school. We would like to thank her for all she has done for our children & families. Good Luck Mrs Edwards!

Thank you to all parents who have got children to school on time - we appreciate your support with this as it enables us to start lessons on time and maximise your child's learning. Some children are arriving late to school nearly every day. If your child arrives 15 minutes late every day this is equivalent to missing 1 and ½ days of school each half term. Over 1 school year this is over 1 week of learning that is missed.

As a reminder school starts at 8.45am, doors will remain open for 5 minutes to allow parents and carers time to drop off children at different classrooms. After this time staff are needed to be in classrooms supporting your child with their learning and doors will be closed at 8.50am.

It is the end of half term today. We hope you have a wonderful half term, enjoy spending time with your families and we look forward to seeing you back at school on:

TUESDAY 1st November.

Safeguarding

A reminder that people collecting children at the end of the day must be 16 years of age or older. This is for safeguarding reasons. If there is change in who is collecting your child please make sure you have informed the office or class teacher.

Class Photographs

Class photos take place during the first week back. More details will be sent out to parents today



Last week we welcomed lots of new faces to Parent Partners and we have had another successful week. It is lovely to see this group growing week on week.

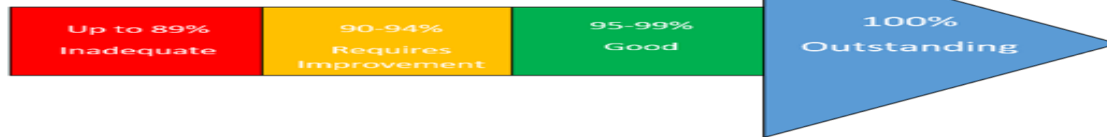
All parents/carers are welcome on Fridays at 9am in the SSA.

Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

Any parent of year 6 pupils who have not yet completed their application for a secondary school place must do this **before 31st October.** If you do not complete your application before this deadline you will not have the same choices of secondary schools available and your application will be processed after all other places are allocated.

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/apply-for-a-place-at-one-of-bradford-districts-schools/>

Attendance



This term's attendance

We are trying really hard to be **above 96%** for this year for the whole school. Well done to 1A for reaching this target this term.

Nursery		AM - 94% PM- 81%	
RS	90%	RG	79%
1A	97%	1P	85%
2P	92%	2S	94%
3B	83%	3C	93%
4S	92%	4M	92%
5A	95%	5H	88%
6A	92%	6M	81%

Diary Dates

Monday 31 st	Teacher Training- School closed to pupils Closing date secondary applications
November	
Tuesday 1 st	8.45am School reopens to pupils
Thursday 3 rd	Class photographs
Friday 4 th	8am-parents invited to bring children in for sibling photos Individual photographs

Enter to Learn, Learn to Achieve



Parent/Carer workshops from the Mental Health Champions Project (Part of Bradford Educational Psychology Team)

Bradford Educational Psychology Team offer free group workshops for parents and carers, via the Mental Health Champions project.

*Parents and carers are eligible if they or a child/young person (up to age 18) in their care live in the **Bradford area**.**

The theme for the next round of parent workshops is:

“Resiliency: helping children and young people to manage challenge and recover from setbacks ”

This workshop will help parents/carers to understand:

- The kinds of protective factors which help prevent or reduce the impact of life's difficulties
- The risk factors that might make it harder for children and young people to cope with life's difficulties
- How to support children and young people to build their resiliency in order to bounce back from adversity, to cope with and manage the difficulties and challenges in life.



Please note that these are group events and we are unable to offer any individual advice during or following these sessions

The dates of the next round of sessions are:

- Tues 6th December 2022 9.30-11am *or*
- Tues 6th December 2022 1.00-2.30pm *or*
- Thurs 8th December 2022 9.30-11am *or*
- Thurs 8th December 2022 1.00-2.30pm



All sessions are live and online, via Microsoft Teams

Participants need only attend one date as this is a single-session workshop, not a series of events.

Please note: Sessions may be cancelled if minimum numbers are not met, and any parents/carers booked on to sessions that are cancelled will be offered an alternative.

Booking details: To book can parents/carers please email MHChampions@Bradford.gov.uk We will ask for your preferred date, the name of the school your child/young person attends, and ask you to confirm that you are a Bradford resident*.

Once your place has been confirmed, login details and passwords will be sent nearer the time.

**Please note that we are commissioned to provide this service to families who live in the Bradford area only. If you child attends a Bradford school but you live outside the area, please contact us before attempting to book a place.*

