

Good Afternoon from Miss Marwood

Welcome back to Westbourne!

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday, enjoyed your time with family and managed to visit a few places – even in the rain!

It is lovely to see the sunshine out to welcome everyone back to school we've have had a great first week back at school. A warm welcome to our new starters – we are delighted to welcome many new families to the area. Our children have been great at making new members of our school community feel welcome, showing them around school and looking after them. A warm welcome to our new members of staff. We have Mrs Mills, Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Shaw in Year 1 and we also welcome Miss Ali, Mrs Channon and Miss Akhtar.

Mr Mahoney has been working hard to introduce a new reading spine in school. As well as having a banded book, children will be bringing home an extra book from our reading spine. These books have been specially selected and should be a really enjoyable read. Teachers have spent their holidays reading these books as well so they can talk to children about what they have read. I hope you enjoy sharing these books with your children. Please remember to take care of these books and bring them into school every day.

A reminder about uniform

This information was sent home before the school holidays.

Children **do not** require indoor shoes any more but we ask that they wear plain black shoes or trainers. Sliders, flip flops or flimsy sandals are not appropriate for playing in the playground.

Pupils need to wear a burgundy jumper or cardigan with a white polo shirt. Black or grey trousers/skirt. Pupils can wear their PE to school on the day they have PE. Please make sure your child wears plain black jogging bottoms, a plain white T shirt and a plain dark coloured hoody or jumper.

Year 6 Parents

A reminder that Year 6 parents will need to complete applications for secondary schools. These forms are available online from the 12th September and must be completed by **31st October**.

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

Bagels

You will be pleased to know that we are able to continue with our free bagels. Every morning our bagel monitors deliver fresh bagels to any child who wants one. Thank you to our staff who volunteer to help prepare and organise.

Packed Lunches

Please remember that we are a nut, melon and pineapple free school. This means that children are not able to bring these foods into school in their packed lunches. This includes Nutella which has hazelnuts as an ingredient. A reminder also that packed lunches from home need to help children maintain a healthy diet. If you are sending grapes in as part of a packed lunch please remember to cut them in half so they are not a choking hazard.

Attendance

A reminder that it is a parents' responsibility to contact school by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. This must be done for every day they are absent. If you do not contact school to report a child's absence this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in penalty notices being issued by Bradford Council Education, Attendance and Safeguarding Team.

A further reminder - if you are considering taking a period of extended leave you must book a meeting with a member of the leadership team before booking any tickets. We want to help explain the impact that extended leave has on your child's education and make sure you are fully aware of the council process involving fines of up to **£2,500** and in some cases prosecution.

DATE	EVENT
Autumn 1	
September	
Monday 4 th	Teacher Training - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th	8.45am school reopens to pupils Applications for secondary schools open for Y6 parents.
Friday 8 th	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend every Friday.
Monday 11 th	Y3 Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear.
Tuesday 12 th	9am- Coffee Morning for parents of children with SEND needs.
Wednesday 13 th	Tuck Shop- cereal bars and snacks available to buy.
Friday 15 th	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend every Friday.

Attendance



This term's attendance

We are trying really hard to be **above 96%** for this year for the whole school. Well done to classes 2M & 4B for reaching this target so far this term.

Nursery		AM— 94% PM – 88%	
RG	91%	RS	95%
1L	92%	1P	90%
2M	98%	2S	94%
3C	87%	3G	93%
4B	97%	4S	93%
5H	91%	5W	88%
6A	88%	6S	94%

Diary Dates

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