

Good Afternoon from Miss Marwood

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and managed to get out and about in the sunshine whilst it lasted.

Year 5 and 6 have completed Bikeability over the past two weeks. All children demonstrated excellent behaviour and listening skills and all pupils gained confidence in controlling their bikes and using them safely. Some children completed work on the roads near school to understand how to use a bike safely and be aware of other road users. Its great to see children out on their bikes outside school and that they know how important it is to use the roads safely.

Applications for Reception places are now open. We are holding an **Open Day** for any parent thinking of applying for a place at Westbourne. Our open day is on **Thursday 23rd November**. Please contact the office if you would like to book a tour of the school.

I had the privilege of visiting classrooms last week to have a look at teaching and learning in maths. It was great to see children engaged in their learning, working together, with partners and thinking really hard about their learning.

We will be joining in with Children in Need activities on **Friday 17**th **November** to help raise money for this charity. The School Council are organising face painting in the playground before school. Your child can have their face painted with spots for 50p. All money raised will go to Children in Need. If your child would like their face painting with spots they will need to be in the playground before school and a parent must sign to give permission. Miss Widdop and the members of the School Council will be out in the playground from 8.30am. If it rains we will relocate to the main hall. The theme for dressing up this year for Children in Need is **'Spots**'. Children are invited to come to school dressed in spots or in non uniform – please bring a cash donation for charity.

We are also completing work in school this week for Anti-Bullying Week. Every class will be completing work on how to be safe and what actions can be useful if some one is being bullied or they witness bullying behaviour – Bullying is an issue we take very seriously at Westbourne. Bullying is not the same as poor behaviour choices where someone is upset or hurt, or accidentally hurt by another person. Bullying is defined by the anti-bullying alliance as - 'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'.





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 huge congratulations to all families and children in 6A who achieve 99% attendance for the second week in a row – Let's see which class can beat them this week.

If you haven't done so already please download the StudyBugs App



This is an easier way for you to report your child's absence from school.

A reminder that it is parents' responsibility to contact school by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. This can be done via the Studybugs App or by phone and 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 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 council process involving fines of up to £2,500 and in some cases prosecution.



Diary Dates

	Anti Bullying Week – Wear Odd socks to school		
Monday 13 th	Reception applications open for September 2024		
	Year 3 Forest school- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear.		
Tuesday 14 th	Open Day for parents of children entering Reception in September 2024		
Wednesday 15 th	Tuck Shop- cereal bars and snacks available to buy.		
Thursday 16 th	Nursery at Night 4.30-6		
Friday 17 th	Charity Day – Children in Need- Wear non uniform and bring a £1 donation to school		
Triday 17	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend every Friday.		
Monday 20 th	Y4 Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear.		
Wednesday 22 nd	Tuck Shop- cereal bars and snacks available to buy.		
Thursday 23 rd	Y6 Parents Meeting about Buckden House- 9am or 3.30pm		
Friday 24 th	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend every Friday.		
Monday 27 th	Y5 Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear.		

Attendance

Up to 89% Inadequate 90-94% Requires 95-99% Good 100% Outstanding

This term's attendance

We are trying really hard to be **above 96%** for this year for the whole school. Well done to classes RS, 5W, 6S & 6A for reaching this target this term.

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Nursery		AM— 91% PM – 93%	
RG	91%	RS	96%
1L	89%	1P	82%
2M	94%	2S	91%
3G	90%	3C	95%
45	94%	4B	88%
5W	97%	5H	93%
6A	99%	6M	96%

