

Lidget Green Primary School's Weekly News



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A time to remember

This week the children in Year 5 have been writing newspaper reports about the Bradford City fire disaster as part of their work on the history of sport in Bradford. We were very proud of the way the children approached this piece of writing, thinking very carefully about the families involved and using sensitive language to describe the tragedy that unfolded on 11th May 1985.

This piece, written by **Shane in 5M**, is a wonderful example of the high standards of work our children achieve here at Lidget Green:

' Fire in Bradford City

On Saturday 11th May 1985, a terrible disaster happened during what should have been a special day for Bradford City. The most terrible disaster happened in football history. A fire broke out and killed 56 people and hundreds got injured. Valley Parade was on fire. Many people were unaware that it had started. The fire spread incredibly fast and many people were unable to escape because the exits were locked. Within 5 minutes the whole main stand was alight. The fireman identified that the fire began due to a disregarded cigarette. The amount of rubbish underneath the wooden seating set flames roaring over the piles of rubbish. The fire blasted through the seats and clouds of thick, pitch black smoke hovered over them but fans were too focused in the game that they didn't notice. Some people got crushed trying to get out because there was nowhere to go. Karl Hepton's grandma was killed in the fire and all he could hear was his grandma shouting "Run!". Many people did not realise the fire was behind them.

Bradford city has now made every other football club amend their safety rules. Bradford City reserved a large amount of money to build the stadium they have today. The seats on the stadium are now made of concrete instead of wood to ensure the safety of the players and the fans.'

As we break up for the half term break today I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday with your families and look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 24th February.

Christine Moran

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Friday 14th February—School Closes

Monday 24th February—School reopens

Wednesday 26th February — Holiday Homework Winners — Cliffe Castle

Parking Issues

A number of parents are parking on the double yellow lines opposite the school and also stopping on the zig - zag lines outside the school gates. Both of these actions pose a serious danger to our families and we are very concerned that a child could be knocked down if we do not address the situation.

As a school we request that parents and carers:

- do not park on the yellow lines opposite school.
- do not stop on the zig-zag lines to drop children off or to collect children.
- park a little further away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

We are also receiving a number of complaints from the local residents that our parents are parking in and across their driveways. Please can parents ensure they are parking considerately.

Free School Meals

Reception and Key Stage 1 children will still receive the Universal Free School Meals. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Attendance

Last week (week ending 7th February) our attendance total was **95.58%**

We are extremely concerned by the number of requests we are still receiving for children to have leave from school during term time. The Government ruling is that Headteachers should **not** authorise leave in term time except in **the most exceptional circumstances** as this affects children's learning.

A number of children are leaving school during the school day for various appointments. This has a major impact on the children's learning. Please make medical appointments out of school hours or during the school holidays wherever possible. Medical evidence **MUST** be provided for any appointments to be authorised.

We are aware that some appointments cannot be changed i.e. hospital appointments. If your child has a hospital appointment, please bring proof of the appointment letter or text message. We will then be able to authorise the absence.



Keeping in Touch

You can contact class teachers or Mrs Tomlinson or the School Office via ClassDojo. **We are using ClassDojo more and more to send out reminders, so please make sure you are signed up!**

