

## Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your support this week during the difficult weather conditions. As you know, we always endeavour to keep school open when it snows and only close if the site and roads become too dangerous for staff and families. I would like to remind parents that if we have any further heavy snow in the coming weeks we will contact you via Class Dojo and post information on the closed schools page of *Bradford Schools Online* to keep you up to date with any closures.

We have had a rising number of children who have not been picked up from school on time over the recent weeks, with some children not being picked up until 4.00pm. Please be aware that school finishes at 3.10 for Early Years / Key Stage 1 children and 3.15 for Key Stage 2 children. If you are going to be late due to an emergency please can you ring the school office before the end of the school day to let staff know, this way we can ensure the children are taken to the office to await collection. It is very important that we know that you have been delayed but are on your way so that we can make provision for the children and reassure them.

Kind regards

**Christine Moran** 

Headteacher

## **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!



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.

## **Attendance**

Week ending 14th February, our attendance total was **95.51%**. **6A** were our weekly attendance winners for the week ending 14th February but the overall winners for the Half Term (and for the second time this year) were **5TA**, who will have a movie afternoon treat.



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 <u>not</u> authorise leave in term time except in <u>the most exceptional circumstances</u> 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 <u>MUST</u> 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.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 4th March—Cliffe Castle—11.00am — 3.15pm

Thursday 5th March—Y5 (Selected Children) - Archery and Mountain Biking

12.15pm-3.15pm

Friday 6th March—World Book Day—Non Uniform