



NEWSLETTER
22nd November 2018



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Well done **Amelia Miller** for receiving the Head Teacher's award last week.

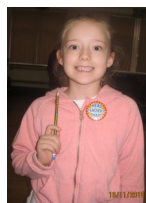
PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Last week the pupils of the week were :-

Yr 1: Brooke Watson
Yr 2: Victoria Langford
Yr 3: Kasilese Moriarty-Coyne
Yr 4: Sophie Bainbridge
Yr 5: Corey Barnes
Yr 6: Frankie Sloane

Attendance Winner

Year 5 - 99.5%
Well Done



WOW WORK OF THE WEEK

Last week the Wow Work of the week were :-

Yr 1: Pixie Maclean
Yr 2: Zac Thomas
Yr 3: Seanie Kendall-Wardman
Yr 4: Edie Jones
Yr 5: Lily Hamer & Jasmine Ward
Yr 6: Jonah German

Year 4—The Trial

Our book is called Noah Barleywater by John Boyne. The character Noah steals some apples and hits someone by accident. We decided to put him on trial for his offences and had a day in court.

See more pictures on the school website
www.elland.calderdale.sch.uk/classes/year-4



Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who took part —the School raised **£244.95** for Children in Need !

School Dinners for Parents!

Every week one Class will invite their parents/carers to have a school dinner on Wednesday with their child.

We can only offer one parent/carer for each child.

Next week (Wednesday 28th November) it will be **Class 4**—look out for your invitation letters!



Sports News

8th November was Brooksbank cluster Cross Country races at Brooksbank cycle track. 28 children from our school competed in races from year 3 up to year 6. Well done to Tommy Terry (year 3) and Callum Archibald (year 6) who had top 10 finishes and qualified for the Calderdale Finals in February.

13.11.18 - Year 3 and 4 boys played a football match against Barkisland. The boys lost the game but tried hard to the end of the match and enjoyed themselves. Man of the match was Tommy Terry (year 3).

14.11.18 Boccia competition. 12 children represented the school at a Boccia competition. The 12 were split into 2 teams of 6. One of the teams won their pool but unfortunately lost in the semi-finals. The other team finished 3rd in their pool.



16.11.18 Girls Futsal - 8 girls from school played in an indoor football competition at North Bridge Leisure Centre with 11 other schools. The girls were brilliant. They won 1 game but unfortunately narrowly lost the other 4. The girls had a great day and were a credit to School.

Church Links

This week children learnt about Friendship. What makes a good friend?

Shoebox Appeal

Reminder to all about our Shoebox Appeal!

Each class will be collecting for a different age range and there will be one male box and one female box. The Shoeboxes will be distributed in and around Calderdale.



Foundation Stage - Babies

Years 1,2,3 and 4 - Collecting for their year group age

Year 5 - Teenager

Year 6 - Adult

Robinwood

A reminder to keep up to date with payments. Final deadline for full payment is **Monday 17th December**.

Fortnite

Message from the School Nursing Team:

"Many of you may be aware of the risks and concerns around children playing the online game Fortnite, which has a 12 rating but is played by much younger children.

We have been made aware of an emerging trend, where people are playing strip Fortnite using webcams. The rule is that when you achieve a 'kill' you have to strip off, potentially adding an additional risk from children being exposed to and/or sharing indecent images whilst playing the game."

Parent Support

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents and families are involved in their children's schools, the children do better and have better feelings about going to school. In fact, many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than how much money the family makes or how much education the parents have. There are many ways that parents can support their children's learning at home and throughout the school year. Here are some ideas to get you 10 ways that you can help your child to be successful:

1. Attend parents' evenings.
2. Make sure homework is done - on time.
3. Practice spellings each week.
4. Have a positive attitude about education and be interested in their work.
5. Monitor T.V, video game and internet usage and make sure they have a bedtime routine.
6. Encourage reading.
7. Encourage your child to work independently and be responsible for their actions.
8. Promote resilience and have a positive mind set.
9. Make sure that they attend school every day - on time.
10. Talk to school about any difficulties that you have in supporting their learning - we can help you!

Headlice

The school has recently received a number of reports of headlice.

- Head lice sometimes can make your head feel itchy and like something is moving in your hair. The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice or eggs. You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb).
- There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact. Don't use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. This can irritate the scalp.
- There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.
- You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.
- Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice.
- Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. This method should be tried first.
- Ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 2 weeks, but your child still has head lice or nits.

Upcoming Events

Monday 26th November — Flu Immunisation Team coming into school.

Thursday 29th November—Year 6 visit to Eden Camp

Saturday 1st December—St Mary's Christmas Fayre.

***New Date* Tuesday 4th December**—Vision screening (Reception class only).

Monday 17th December — Final day for Robinwood Payments

Monday 17th December—Key Stage 1 Nativity

Tuesday 18th December—Carol Concert at All Saints

Wednesday 19th December—Key Stage 2 Nativity

Thursday 20th December—Christmas Lunch

Friday 21st December—Last day of term—Class parties

Monday 7th January 2019 — School reopens

Late Collection

There are still many children who are not being collected on time at the end of the school day. Please collect children promptly at **2:55pm** Monday—Thursday and **2:30pm** on Fridays.

Attendance and Punctuality



Attendance - Our whole school attendance this half term is currently 96.2% - This is above national average this half term. Thank you for your support.

From this week, the class receiving the Attendance Award will be allowed to come in non-uniform the following Monday. Parents/Carers of the winning class will be informed by text on Fridays.

Absence

Please remember to contact school to provide a reason if your child is going to be absent.

If we do not know where children are, we have a duty to find out. This means that we will contact you by telephone to request a reason for the absence. If we cannot make contact with someone, we may do a home visit.

Please encourage your child to attend school every day even when they feel under the weather. Often children perk up when they arrive and it's not worth the lost learning.

<p>You have an important role in ensuring your child is in school every day so so that they can learn.</p> <p>To help your child do as well as they can in school you need to build the habit of good attendance.</p> <p>Make attendance a priority. The earlier you do that, the better!</p> <p>Show your child that attendance matters and that you won't allow an absence unless absolutely unavoidable.</p> <p>Talk about the importance of attending school every day and make that an expectation.</p> <p>Don't Let Your Child Miss School Without Very Good Reason.</p>	<p> Attending School is Not Negotiable Unless Unwell!</p> <p>Unless they are poorly, send your children to school every day, starting in nursery, to teach them that attendance counts. </p> <p></p> <p>Remember that complaints of stomach ache or a headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay at home, as they can subside quickly once your child is at school.</p>	<p>Help Your Child to Be the Best That They Can be.</p> <p>Show your child that good attendance is important and give encouragement. *****</p> <p>Talk to your child about school and take an interest in the work that they are doing. *****</p> <p>Speak positively about school and support the school's attendance policy and consequences for breaking rules. *****</p> <p>Praise your child for good attendance, hard work and learning and keep on encouraging them. *****</p> <p>Find your own ways to reward good attendance. *****</p> <p>Peer pressure can lead to skipping school and other risky behaviours, and young people without friends can feel isolated and unhappy. *****</p> <p>Take an interest in your child's social contacts and try to get know their friends and classmates.</p>
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St. Mary's Church Elland

**Saturday 1st December
10.00 am to 2.00 pm**

Christmas



Fayre



**Come buy your Christmas
presents and much more!**

Grand Christmas Draw

Various stalls

Tombola

Refreshments available

Free entrance

