

Monday 30th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after our half term break. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday.

Dates for your Diary:

Week commencing Monday 30th October – Health and Wellbeing Focus Week.

Wednesday 1st November – Year 5 visit to Croft House.

Thursday 2nd November – Reception Class visit to Anglers Country Park.

Monday 6th November – Nursery Bonfire Party.

Tuesday 7th November – Year 5 visit to Holy Trinity Church.

Monday 13th November – Remembrance Day Service.

Week commencing Monday 13th November 0- Anti bullying week.

Wednesday 15th November – Year 6 visit to Croft House.

Wednesday 15th November – There is a repeat of the Reception Class parent's workshop about how phonics, maths and reading are taught. This will start at 4:45pm.

Thursday 16th November – Sports Hall Athletics for Year 5 at Ossett Academy.

Friday 17th November – Children in Need day. This will be a non-uniform day. The theme will be 'Get Your Ears On and Wear Your Own Clothes'.

Week commencing Monday 20th November – Scholastic Book Fair

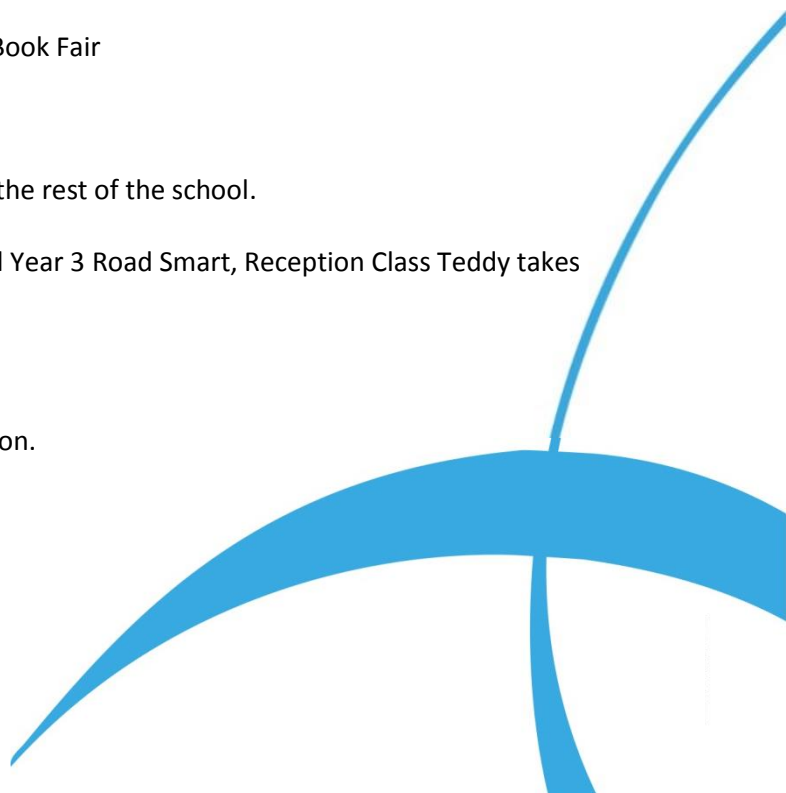
Wednesday 29th November – Year 2 visit to Croft House.

Friday 1st December – Year 4 samba band to perform for the rest of the school.

Tuesday 5th December – Road Safety Training. Year 2 and Year 3 Road Smart, Reception Class Teddy takes a Tumble, Year 1 Street Feet.

Tuesday 5th December – Year 6 Drugs Awareness Session.

Wednesday 6th December – Intra School sports competition.



Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair.

Week commencing 11th December – Christmas Concerts.

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Parties.

Wednesday 20th December – Break up. Children return to school on Thursday 4th January.

Parents Evening

Please remember it is parents evening tonight and on Wednesday. If you have not yet booked an appointment to see your child's class teacher then please contact school today.

SEAL Theme

This half term our SEAL theme will be getting on and falling out. Please see the attached documents regarding this.

Health and Wellbeing Week

We have a wide range of health and wellbeing activities taking place in each class this week including visitors into school. Please watch out on our twitter feed to see what is happening each day in school this week.

Nursery Bonfire Party

On Monday 6th November Nursery will hold their Bonfire Party. Parents can come and join the party and will be able to buy juice, hotdogs and other goodies. We will also be working on bonfire crafts. Parents of children in the morning session can arrive from 11am and parents of children in the afternoon session can stay, after drop off time, until 1:15pm.

Year 5 Visit

On Tuesday 7th November Year 5 will visit Holy Trinity Church as part of their topic on looking at how religion is expressed through art.

Poppy Appeal

We are now selling poppies for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and even though the old £1 coin is not legal tender anymore, this can be accepted for the poppy appeal. Please have a look around and see if you have any old £1 coins that you could donate.

Regards,

The Leadership Team



Mrs S J Vickerman
Executive Principal



Mrs A M Mitchell
Head of School



Mrs P Clark
Deputy Head of School

SEAL

The theme for this half term is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. We will be helping the children to learn about friendships and the best way of learning together. One of the key skills we will be developing in order to do this is through the British values, focusing on Rule of Law and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. Included in this theme is anti-bullying. The SEAL definition of bullying is 'bullying means one child is deliberately using his or her power over another to make them feel bad. Bullying is not having a single argument or fight with someone. It isn't saying something bad to someone once when you are angry. Bullying goes on deliberately (on purpose) over a period of time.'

The National Anti-Bullying Week this year is w/c 13th November and this year's theme is to promote difference and equality with the tag line 'All Different, All Equal'. We will be celebrating what makes each child unique and also why it is important that every child feels included in school without the fear of bullying. Assemblies and circle time will focus on helping the children to further develop the skills, understanding and confidence to recognise and act when they see or experience any type of bullying behaviour.

Please see below Top Tips for parents provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

The Academy Council would like to promote this by setting up a competition around the theme. Children are invited to write a song either individually or in small groups. The children can accompany their song any way that they want. The closing date for the competition is Wednesday 22nd November and the winners will present their work in assembly on Friday 27th November.

Top Tips for Parents

We'd like to share some tips for parents provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

- Make sure your child knows what bullying behaviour is and why it is wrong. Bullying behaviour is when one child is deliberately using his or her power over another to make them feel bad. Bullying is not having a single argument or fight with someone. It isn't saying something bad to someone once when you are angry.
- Make sure your child knows they can talk to you, or to another adult, if they are worried about bullying. Also make sure they know that they can talk to adults in the academy.
- Listen and reassure them that coming to you was the right thing to do. Try and establish the facts. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events to share with the academy.
- Assure them that the bullying is not their fault and that they have family that will support them. Reassure them that you will not take any action without discussing it with them first.
- Help your child to realise that no one has the right to pressure them into something they don't want to do, this includes bullying others.
- Make sure they are not bullying others in retaliation for bullying they have suffered.
- Don't encourage retaliation to bullying, such as violent actions. It's important for children to avoid hitting or punching an abusive peer. Reacting that way has negative and unpredictable results, they may even be hurt even further, and find that they are labelled as the problem. Rather suggest that they walk away and seek help.
- Make it clear that you do not tolerate the use of disrespectful and hurtful language as a family. It's vital that you model this as parents.
- Make yourself aware of the academy's anti-bullying policy.

There are a number of useful websites listed below, however do not hesitate to contact the academy if you need any further information or have any concerns.

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

www.familylives.org.uk/