

25 August 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and are feeling excited for the year ahead. We are looking forward to seeing all of you next week- **children in Years 1 to 6 will return on Wednesday 30 August**. Start dates and arrangements are slightly different for our new Nursery and Reception children- please check the information shared by Miss Robertson before the holiday.

Below is some important information that will help us all get the new year off to a good start.

### Trip Payments

We trialled a new way of paying for trips last year, and after positive feedback from parents, have decided to keep things the same, taking one payment for trips for the whole academic year. As a result of increased transport and venue costs, we have had to increase the payment to £20. This is still very good value; a coach alone for one year group can cost almost £1000 per trip. Trips and visits add so much to the curriculum and are often the most memorable and exciting part of any unit of work!

**We will add £20 for each child in Reception and up to Y6 to your MCAS account. Please pay this as soon as possible so that we can book and pay for our experiences quickly.**

**If you are experiencing financial difficulty and need support, please speak to a member of the leadership team before or after school.**

\*The cost of trips analysed does not include Y6 Ingleborough Hall which will continue to be paid for separately.

### Important Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 30 August	Children in Years 1 to 6 return
Monday 4 September 8.45am	Y6 Parent Meeting Ingleborough Hall
Wednesday 6 to Friday 9 September	Y6 Ingleborough Residential
Tuesday 12 September	Y4 Trip to Bagshaw Museum
Tuesday 26 September	Mrs McGowan's Group Trip
Monday 9 October	Oral Health Presentation Nursery & Reception
Thursday 21/Friday 22 September	Y4 Parent Workshop
Thursday 28/Friday 29 September	Y5 Parent Workshop
Thursday 5 / Friday 6 October	Y6 Parent Workshop
Thursday 12/Friday 13 October	Y3 Parent Workshop
Thursday 19/Friday 20 October	Reception Parent Workshop
Friday 20 October	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 6 November	SCHOOL REOPENS

### Names in Uniform

Please check that all items of clothing are named so that we can return and find things easily. Iron in name labels can be bought cheaply from Ebay or failing that, a written name in fabric pen will help us return belongings easily.



### PE Days

All children in Y1-6 will be taught PE by our specialist teacher, Mr Weston. Children should come to school in their PE kit on the days below. Kit consists of a **plain black/navy tracksuit, plain white t-shirt and plain trainers**. Coloured t-shirts and football shirts ARE NOT ALLOWED.



Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday (+ Friday Swimming- new details to follow)
Year 5	Monday & Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday & Friday



### Primary Day

Our doors open at 8.30am every day- all children can arrive from this time. **The main Primary gates close at 8.40am every morning so that registers can be completed accurately. Any child arriving after this time will need to sign in at the main entrance and be recorded as late.**

**Our finish time is 3.15pm every day.** Parents should collect children from their classroom doors. In the first few weeks, we will open slightly earlier so that new teachers can release slowly and become familiar with family members.

If you ever send anyone to collect your child that we have not met, they will need your pickup password. We will reshare these over the next week or so.

### Lunches

School lunches remain free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. **Children in Y3-6 need to pay £2.20 per day for every meal they take from school.** This price is a slight increase from last year but was unavoidable due to our own supply costs. Registers are taken daily and costs are applied to MCAS accounts. Your financial circumstances may have changed recently, if they have, please apply for Free School Meals at <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/> you will find out instantly if you are eligible. As well as free lunches, you would be exempt from trip costs and receive additional funding for uniform when it is available.

### Water Bottles

Children can bring a water bottle from home to keep at school. Ideally, this will be taken home every day and refilled with water. Whilst we allowed juice in the hotter months, the healthiest option is plain water and should be the only drink brought to school.



### Birthdays

We want all children to feel special on their birthday. Children are allowed to come to school in their own clothes on this day (or the closest school day if on a weekend/in the holiday) and if they want to, bring in treats to share with friends. Treats must be nut free and halal friendly.

### Car Park

Do not use the car park at home time unless you have a blue badge. The car park is for families of disabled children only- if you tailgate in you cause congestion and children cannot be seen easily. **Parking here without a badge means you are taking someone else's space and making what should be a safe area, incredibly dangerous.**



### Before and After Schol Clubs

We will continue to **offer 50 places for breakfast club** each day. The offer for this was sent out before the summer holidays so places may be now be limited. You will need to contact the office [info@dixonsaa.com](mailto:info@dixonsaa.com) if you would like to enquire about remaining places.



After school clubs will continue but with some minor changes. There will be a KS1 and KS2 club every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 3.30-4.30pm. Tuesday will be a mixed age club and be led by an external provider due to our weekly staff meeting falling on this day. On Fridays, there will be no specific club, however we will support working parents by looking after children until 4.30pm if necessary. **Please only request a Friday club place if you are a working parent and need childcare to support your working pattern.**

Further club information will be sent out during the first week back. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Miss Crowther, who got married over the holiday- she will be known as Mrs Atkinson from now on! Miss Caruana also 'tied the knot' and becomes Mrs Moore.

Mrs Hattersley (Miss Round) and her husband are now proud parents to Rupert James Hattersley, born 8 August with a very healthy weight of 8.7lb. Mrs Wilkinson (Nursery) had a little girl just before the holidays and has named her Isla Grace.

Our leadership responsibilities have changed slightly this year and are now as follows:

Miss Robertson ([srobertson@dixonsaa.com](mailto:srobertson@dixonsaa.com)) will lead Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

Miss Barnes ([lbarnes@dixonsaa.com](mailto:lbarnes@dixonsaa.com)) will lead Y2, Y3 and Y4.

Mr Metcalfe ([ametcalfe@dixonsaa.com](mailto:ametcalfe@dixonsaa.com)) will continue to lead Y5 and Y6.

Mrs Kerr will ([jkerr@dixonsaa.com](mailto:jkerr@dixonsaa.com)) be the Primary Safeguarding Lead.

Miss Wright ([ewright@dixonsaa.com](mailto:ewright@dixonsaa.com)) will take over as Primary SENCO when Mrs McGowan begins her maternity leave close to the October half term.

If you need any further information, help or advice, our Primary leadership team will be available at the start and end of every day. We welcome your feedback and look forward to working together throughout the year to give our children the very best education.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mrs Greenwood  
Primary Head Teacher

