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BRADFORD GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Co-educational up to 11, Girls only 11-16

October 2023

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekly Assembly Theme: Smiles and Greetings (Rewards senior)

Next week: Children in need launch

When	For	Time	Activity
WC - 23rd October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY		
30th October	Whole School		First Day Back
31st October	Y9	All Day	Big Idea Day
2nd November	Y11		GCSE Blood Brothers Trip
3rd November	Reception - Lady Royd	8.40 am - 9.10 am	Stay and Learn

Highlights

Happy Half Term

Reminder: our half-term holidays take place from Monday, October 23rd, through Friday, October 27th.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday, October 30th, rested and ready for the next term.

Y6 Saltaire trip

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a Saltaire trip focused on leadership, teamwork, and outdoor challenges, fostering valuable life skills and lasting memories.

Parking

We want to emphasize the crucial importance of parking and road safety during school drop-offs and pickups. The safety of our students is paramount, and your cooperation plays a significant role in ensuring a secure environment.

Recycle Week

Recycle Week is an annual event that serves as a great opportunity for us to educate pupils about the importance of recycling and sustainable living. By instilling these eco-friendly habits early on, we can help your kids become responsible, environmentally conscious individuals who will contribute to a greener future.

Bonfire Safety

With Bonfire night approaching, we would like to take the time to run through some Bonfire Safety tips to ensure a fun and accident-free celebration for all. Remember, safety first!

Holiday Fun

Please see below a list of local community activities available for you and your family during the October half term. These activities provide an excellent opportunity for your children to engage, learn, and have fun during the break.

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HAPPY HALF TERM

As we approach the half-term break, we want to extend our warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday. We'd also like to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic start we've had to the new academic year.

The dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm of staff and students have made the beginning of this school year truly exceptional. We're proud of the progress our students have made and the commitment they have shown to their education.

We hope all our students take this well-deserved break to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing them return, energized and ready to continue the journey of learning and growth next half term.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable half-term break.

Year 6 Trip



Year 6 had an enlightening day starting with a workshop at Victoria Hall. Here, they were transported back in time to the Victorian era, learning about the lives of Saltaire's past residents and the rules they lived by. The highlight was a deep dive into the history of a real character from Saltaire.

In the afternoon, the students explored Saltaire's UNESCO World Heritage Site. They marvelled at the architectural wonders conceived by Titus Salt and engaged in a character-spotting scavenger hunt, bringing history to life in a tangible and memorable way. This hands-on experience provided Year 6 with a personal connection to the past, fostering a deeper appreciation for history and its impact on the present.

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Parking

A friendly reminder of the paramount importance of parking safety during school pick-up and drop-off times. Your vigilance and consideration are vital to ensuring the safety of our students and maintaining a secure school environment. Please observe the following guidelines:

1. Designated Zones: Use designated drop-off and pick-up zones whenever possible. Avoid stopping in non-designated areas to prevent congestion and potential hazards.
2. Speed Limits: Adhere to posted speed limits within the school zone. Drive cautiously, especially in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic.
3. Pedestrian Crossings: Exercise extra caution at pedestrian crossings. Always yield the right of way to pedestrians, and do not block crosswalks.
4. No Double Parking: Refrain from double parking, as it obstructs visibility and disrupts the safe flow of traffic.
5. Consider Others: Be considerate of our neighbors when parking near the school. Avoid blocking driveways and be mindful of residents.

School entrances

If you travel to school by car, do not stop (even to drop off or pick up) on "School - Keep - Clear" markings. Park well clear of the school entrance. A stationary car can prevent a driver seeing a child crossing the road. Don't be pressured by bad weather into parking too close to the school - better a wet coat than a visit to the A&E!

Do not park on pavements

Inconsiderate drivers who park their vehicles wholly or partially on the pavement not only cause danger - but also commit an offence of obstruction. They cause danger to pedestrians, especially children and parents with prams and pushchairs. Pavements are not constructed to take the weight of vehicles. The local authority may make a claim against you for the damage caused to the footpath.

Do not obstruct

You only visit the school twice a day, so why ruin the quality of life of residents? Parking across or near driveways obstructs the views of those trying to manoeuvre in and out of them. It is also anti-social behaviour.

The zig-zags are there for a purpose: To provide a clear area in which children can cross more safely

Please remember

- Don't let very young children out on their own.
- Make sure that they know roads are dangerous.
- Because of their size, children cannot see if the road is clear from behind parked cars.
- Drivers cannot see small children hidden by parked cars.
- When children go to and from school, there is usually a lot of traffic.

Can you park on Yellow zig zag lines outside a school?

Yellow zig zag lines and School Keep Clear markings outside schools that have signs listing the hours of operation will be enforced by the local council; this will include use of camera cars, CCTV or parking wardens to issue a penalty charge notice. The hours stated on signs usually relate to drop off and pick up times. You cannot drop off, pick up, wait or stop on zig zag lines and School Keep Clear markings during the hours of operation.

Do you stop on the zig-zags?

Recycle Week



During Recycle Week, our school engaged in a series of impactful activities aimed at raising awareness and promoting responsible waste management. Students and staff actively participated in recycling initiatives, such as organizing waste sorting and collection drives, upcycling projects, and learning sessions on the importance of recycling.

These activities not only demonstrated our commitment to environmental stewardship but also instilled the vital lessons of resource conservation and sustainability in our students. The importance of our school's participation in Recycle Week extends beyond the immediate impact on our environment. It serves as a practical educational tool, fostering a sense of responsibility, critical thinking, and global citizenship among our students. By actively engaging in these initiatives, our school not only contributes to a greener future but also empowers the next generation to be mindful and responsible stewards of the planet. Recycle Week provides a platform to impart valuable life skills and instill habits that will benefit our students throughout their lives.

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As we approach the Bonfire season, I want to take a moment to discuss an important matter that concerns the safety and well-being of your children. Fireworks, although thrilling, can pose serious risks when handled irresponsibly or without proper supervision. It is crucial for you, as parents and guardians, to ensure your children's safety and prevent them from misusing fireworks.

The use of fireworks is regulated by various laws and regulations to minimise the risks associated with them. The primary legislation governing fireworks is the Fireworks Regulations Act 2004, which restricts the sale, possession, and use of fireworks, especially among individuals under the age of 18. It is essential that you familiarise yourselves with these laws and regulations to uphold your responsibilities as parents and guardians. Here are some key points to consider:

1. **Age Restrictions:** Under UK law, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess category 2 and 3 fireworks in public places. Retailers are also prohibited from selling category 2 and 3 fireworks to individuals under this age limit.
2. **Responsible Supervision:** If your child is under 18 and wishes to enjoy fireworks, please ensure that they are always under the supervision of a responsible adult. Fireworks should never be left in the hands of children or teenagers.
3. **Noise and Nuisance:** Fireworks should not be used in a manner that causes distress to others or constitutes a nuisance. Misuse can lead to noise complaints and potential legal consequences.
4. **Legal Consequences:** The police take firework-related offences seriously. Robust action will be taken against anyone found committing offences such as underage possession, antisocial behaviour, or misuse of fireworks.

This Bonfire season let's work together to ensure children enjoy fireworks safely and responsibly. By doing so, we can help prevent accidents, protect our communities from unnecessary disturbances, and avoid any legal repercussions.

If you have any questions or concerns about firework safety or UK legislation, please visit the West Yorkshire Police website - www.westyorkshire.police.uk

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Holiday Fun

Monday 30 October & Wednesday 1 November **Bushcraft**
 Enjoy the great outdoors whilst roasting marshmallows and making garlic bread twists over an open fire. All washed down with hot chocolate (please advise us of any special dietary requirements). Open to children age 6+ and adults. 90 minute instructor led session, all equipment provided. **Online booking recommended.**
 £8 per person
 10 - 11:30am, 12 - 1:30pm & 2 - 3:30pm

Tuesday 31 October & Thursday 2 November **Archery**
 Learn the basics of archery in our one hour instructor led sessions, with 12 spaces per session. Open to children age 6+ and adults. All equipment provided. **Online booking recommended.**
 £6 for 60 mins
 10 - 11am, 11:15am - 12:15pm, 12:30 - 1:30pm, 1:45 - 2:45pm & 3 - 4pm

Friday 3 November **Climbing Wall**
 Test your skill and strength on our climbing wall. Suitable for children age 6+. Fully qualified instructor led session. All equipment provided. **No advance booking required.**
 10am - 4pm
 £4 for 4 climbs

Saturday 28 October - Friday 3 November **Halloween Fun Trail**
 Get outdoors and enjoy our fun family trail around the grounds of Cliffe House. The trail is family and buggy friendly, something the whole family can enjoy. When you have collected all the clues don't forget to return to the food kiosk to collect your prize! (1 prize per paid trail sheet). **No advance booking required.**
 £2.50 per person
 Open daily, 10am - 4pm

Saturday 28 October - Friday 3 November **Pumpkin Picking**
 Come along to our pumpkin patch, pick your favourite pumpkin, and carve it while you're here. Wheelbarrows available (limited number available, first come first served). Carving will be undercover on the lawn, so no need to worry about the weather, though wellies are advised - it can get muddy! Open to all ages and parental supervision always required. **Online booking recommended.**
 £6 per pumpkin
 Open daily, 10am - 4pm



We are excited to share an incredible opportunity for all pupils!

All Bradford Park Avenue Ladies football games held at the Horsfall Community Stadium offer free admission to spectators. For fixture dates, please refer to the link provided in the email.

Your child has the chance to be a mascot or join us as ball boys/ball girls for all home games during the 2023/24 season.

It's essential to note that participation in this program is entirely free of charge. We welcome everyone to attend our games, and it would be wonderful to see you at the Horsfall Community Stadium.

For more information and specific game details, please visit the following link: [Bradford \(Park Avenue\) FC Ladies | West Riding County Womens Football League \(thefa.com\)](#)

We hope your child can take advantage of this unique opportunity, and we look forward to welcoming you to our games.

If parents are interested in this for their children, please can they contact Stephen Rushforth (Coach) directly to enquire about this via email, stephen.rushforth94@gmail.com.

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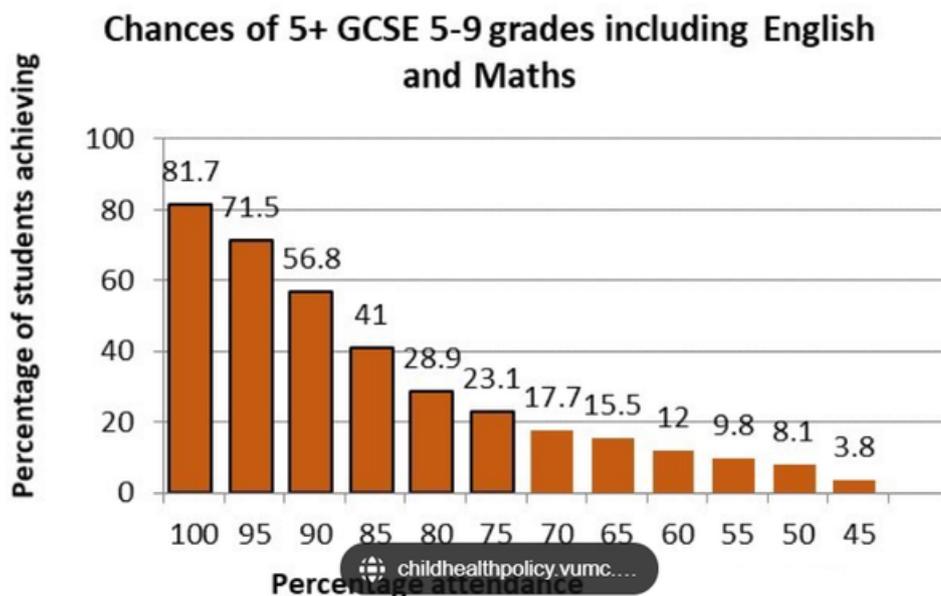


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Attendance

We look forward to welcoming our students back promptly on Monday 30th October in full school uniform. Every day counts and, in particular, has a definite impact on result and life chances.



Stay safe over the holiday and we will see you on the 30th October!

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