"Every child is a unique child of God."

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Dear Families,

Half term is nearly upon us. We hope everyone enjoys a peaceful and happy break and we look forward to welcoming our children back, on time and in full uniform, refreshed and ready to learn on Monday 24th February 2020. Clubs will begin again on Tuesday 3rd March 2020.

Message from Mr. Ratcliffe:

Thank you to all our families who supported the recent Book Fair. £712 was spent on books over the period and the commission earned will be used to purchase some great new books for all the classes.

Thursday 5th March 2020 is World Book Day. We will be celebrating this is in a variety of ways including dressing up as our favourite book characters. You may want to start to think about your costumes and we will send out more details nearer the time. If any families have clean costumes which their children have outgrown and are happy to donate them to others, please bring them to Mrs. Burns (school office) who will happily distribute them. Thank you.

Year 2 will enjoy a separate World Book Day on Friday 6th March and are welcome to dress up as their favourite book characters that day. They are taking part in a school trip on March 5th.

Message from Mrs Wilson:

Year 6 Parents Kingswood and SATs Information Meeting – Tuesday 25th February

I would like to invite Y6 parents/carers to a SATs and Kingswood information meeting. It will take place on Tuesday 25th February from 3.30pm - 4.00pm and will be held in the Y6 classroom. This will be an opportunity to share with you information about what the SATs are, the preparation we do in school and how you can support at home. Past SATs papers will be available for parents and children to look at. Following this, there will be a short meeting for parents with children going to Kingswood where I will run through some key information including the planned itinerary of activities.

Message from Mrs. Deverill:

Within school, our Key Stage 2 classes enjoy learning French as part of our Modern Foreign Languages curriculum.

In order to share and celebrate the different languages spoken within our school, we are holding a Modern Foreign Language celebration week during 24th February 2020. Each class has discussed and identified a language which they would like to learn a little more about. Languages chosen include Spanish, Urdu, Punjabi and Slovak.

Children will be learning a little about their chosen language and sharing some basic vocabulary with the other classes. During our worship sessions, we will be sharing a mixture of role plays, songs and poems with the rest of the school.

We look forward to then displaying our work from this week on our school notice boards. If you would like any further information please do not hestitate to contact me.

Message from Mrs. Vaughan:

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) Consultation

Thank you to those families who attended our PSHE open morning on Monday 3rd February. On the morning, families were able to visit classes, see PSHE lessons being delivered and then they joined us for a period of time when we shared our topic plans for each class and discussed our draft policy and the thinking behind it. Our consultation ends tomorrow. Details on the website. We will then produce our final policy.

Additional information

Nit Warning:

Like many schools nationally, we have had several reports of head lice recently. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat if eggs or lice are found. Even after treatment, regular combing and checking is needed to prevent the return of lice and eggs. Please support us in minimising the chances of your child catching them by ensuring they tie their hair back if it is long.

Weather Reminder:

We will always endeavour to keep our school open. However, if we have a serious snow fall overnight and are not able to open, we will inform families as soon as possible by sending a text, sending a tweet and uploading information onto the school's website. We will also inform local radio stations.
Please remember that if children wear wellington or winter boots to school they will need a change of shoes for the day. Either their black school shoes or pumps. If you can send a peg (labelled with your child's name) to keep the wellies together, we would be really grateful.

Parent/Teacher Consultations:

This term, our parent/teacher consultation meetings will be held on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th of February. We look forward to welcoming you into school on those evenings to discuss your child's progress. If you are unable to attend, we will always endeavour to find an alternative time to meet with you.

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 26th February – Thursday 27th February	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Thursday 5th March	Year 2 – Bradford Industrial
Tuesday 24th March	Year 4 - Piano Fantasia
Monday 16th March	Year 6 - Kingswood
Tuesday 31st March	Year 4 – Lineham Farm Day Trip
Monday 20th April	Year 4 - Egyptian Day in school
Wednesday 20th May	Year 5 – Boggle Hole

Once again, thank you for your support.

Miss McBride