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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the 'Share a lesson' this week. We are sure that it has given you a useful insight into what the children have been learning this year. This is a really busy half term so below are some important diary dates.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st June	Year 6 trip to 'Boy 87' event at Bradford City
Wednesday 29th June	Year 1 visit to Harewood House
Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th July	Year 5 residential visit to Boggle Hole
Thursday 7th July – morning and evening performances	Year 6 show (Year 5 attend as the choir)
Friday 8th July – morning performance	Year 6 show
Monday 11th - Friday 15th July	Year 6 residential to Peat Rigg
Monday 18th July – Friday 22nd July	Healthy Schools' Week
Monday 18th July (am)	Nursery sports day (am and all-day children)
Monday 18th July (pm)	Nursery sports day (pm and all-day children)
Tuesday 19th July (pm)	Years 1 and 2 sports day
Wednesday 20th July (pm)	Years 5 and 6 sports day
Thursday 21st July (am)	Reception sports day
Thursday 21st July (pm)	Years 3 and 4 sports day
Tuesday 26th July	School closes for the summer holidays

Exact times and further details for the sports days and Year 6 show will follow.

Move up / Transition morning

We will be having a whole school 'move up' morning on Wednesday 20th July. The children will 'move up' to spend part of the morning with their new class teacher (and teaching assistant) in their new classroom.

Nursery – Mrs Rendell/Miss C Gray (job share)

Reception – Mrs Horne (EYFS leader) and Miss Whittaker (new to school)

Year 1 – Miss G Gray and Mrs Painter (new to school)

Year 2 – Mrs Robinson (Assistant Headteacher)/Miss Butterill and Miss Briggs

Year 3 – Mr. Brook (Lower Key Stage 2 leader), Miss Broadbent and Miss Thornton

Year 4 – Mr. Moorhouse and Mrs Nicholson (new to school)

Year 5 – Miss Hansen and Miss Emery (new to school)

Year 6 – Mr. Handley (Upper Key Stage 2 leader) and Mrs Hooton

Miss Waddington (Phonics Leader) will not be class based next year but will be teaching phonics across Reception and Key Stage 1 to ensure that our new phonics scheme is implemented well and that any pupils with gaps in their learning can be focussed upon.

As you will notice, we have a number of new members of staff. As you are already aware Mrs Nellist is retiring and Mrs Spencer is leaving school to focus on other ventures. We also have more than one member of staff leaving for maternity leave. Mrs Carr (currently based in Year 5 and our English leader) will be starting her maternity leave in August and Mrs Göksu (based in Year 6) will be going on maternity leave in October. To ensure continuity for the children, any teachers appointed to cover the maternity leaves have been appointed for the full year.



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We will inform parents/ carers and pupils before 20th July who their new class teacher will be. Moving up to a new year can be exciting but it can also be an anxious time for some pupils. If you feel your child is worrying about the transition, please talk to their current class teacher. Miss Grimshaw (Inclusion Leader) will also be working with class teachers to provide extra support to specific pupils.

Opal – Outdoor Play and Learning

Hopefully you will have seen our information letter about our exciting plans for playtimes and lunchtimes. If you have any of the following which you no longer need, then please send them to school with your child.

- old clothes which can be used for dressing up (these can be adult clothes but no high heels please!)
- large paintbrushes (children can 'paint' using water on the playground)
- containers which could be used by the children to transport water
- old suitcases
- old pushchairs

It would also be really useful if you could complete the baseline surveys on breaktimes if you have not already.

Children's survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SH7LYMX>

Parent's/carer's survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RC67KKT>

School day timings for next year

Thank you to those who gave feedback on our proposal to lengthen the school day to 3.30pm. We will respond individually to those that did. After further discussion, we have decided that from September school will start at 8.45am (as it does now) and finish at 3.25pm.

Temporary Office

A reminder that, should you need to access the new temporary office, that you can do so by walking down the path which you use to enter school (from Wrose Road). Before you pass through the main gates into the school playground, there is an opening in the fence which leads to the office window. Please do not try to gain access to the office via the school car park.

Fudge the guinea pig

We have reluctantly made the decision that it is time for Fudge to retire. We have worked out that she is now at least 6 years old, which is the average age of a guinea pig, and so is relatively elderly in guinea pig terms. One of our ex-colleagues has offered to take Fudge for her retirement, which seems a really sensible and considerate option for both the children and Fudge herself. We are going to invite Fudge in to visit, however, either next week or the week after, so the children can see that she is alive and well, but just needing to slow down a little and live somewhere slightly calmer. In September, we plan to choose two new, young guinea pigs and start again with a pair. It seems sensible to wait until after the summer. The children have been told all this today.

As always, thank you for all your help and support with everything this week. We hope that you have a lovely weekend (sadly I don't think the sun is going to last) and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Medhurst and Fiona Meer (Co-Headteachers)



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