



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support yesterday with the strike day - we appreciate that it is difficult to make arrangements for childcare in such situations, so thank you for your flexibility and understanding throughout.



Education Awards

We are delighted to share the news that, although not the winners of the School of the Year, we were 'Highly Commended'. This is a huge achievement in itself out of all the 232 schools (Primary and Secondary) in Bradford, so we are very proud. The certificate will soon be displayed with the trophies for all to see.

Competition to win money for school

Please do vote for us if you can in Manningham Concrete's social media competition which gives Bradford primary schools the chance to win £1000 to spend on any materials from their four Bradford based branches. The competition will be running until 1st May 2023 and the winner will be the school with the most people that have liked/retweeted Manningham Concrete's Facebook or Instagram page and commented with the school's name on the official post.

Parking

We have been asked again by local residents to mention issues caused by parents parking irresponsibly and, at times, illegally. No parking is allowed on Wrose Road itself, even if just for a moment, on Wrose Grove, or on Wrose View, and we have encouraged residents to report any cars that are causing danger or upset. As you may know, cameras were also installed in the Wrose Bull car park during the Easter holidays to catch anyone parking there who is not a paying customer.

Attendance Procedures

We have been asked by Bradford Council to make you aware of the following changes to unauthorised leave procedures, including requests for holidays.

'Absence due to unauthorised leave during term time covers a variety of reasons for absence, including holidays during term time and travel to other countries to visit family and attend celebrations and events. Currently a penalty notice from Bradford Council can be issued for each child, and each parent, where unauthorised leave takes place. Despite this, absence due to unauthorised leave during term time continues to take place, with a significant number of families taking more than one period of absence during an academic year, or taking a period of leave of four weeks or more.'

*A decision has been made by Bradford Council to change their approach to situations where families take two or more periods of unauthorised leave in a 12-month period, or when a period of four or more weeks of leave is taken. In these instances, Bradford Council will utilise the option to start legal proceedings via the magistrates' court, instead of issuing a penalty notice. This means that parents may be liable to receive a significantly higher fine (**up to £2,500 per child, per parent**) if found guilty, as well as receive a criminal record, which may be reportable to employers (for example, via a DBS Check). In rare circumstances, magistrates can consider a custodial sentence for up to 3 months. This change will come into force from 1st May 2023.'*

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Universal Free School Meals

Our catering providers are offering a lunchbox filler initiative for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All children in these younger year groups are entitled to universal infant free school meals. With the current cost of living crisis, the aim is to help parents alleviate the cost of buying food for their child's packed lunch, which may often go to waste. Your child will bring their empty lunchbox to school, take it to the hall at lunchtime and have it filled with a tasty and nutritionally balanced packed lunch. Please look out for a Ping message with more details about this idea very soon.

Important Dates for your diary:

- Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Tuesday 2nd May – NEU strike action
- Tuesday 2nd May – 3DB trip to Fountains Abbey (this trip is going ahead as planned)
- Thursday 4th May – 3T trip to Fountains Abbey
- Thursday 4th May – EYFS May Day Parade
- Friday 5th May – King's Coronation Tea Party (red, white and blue non-uniform day)

- Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Tuesday 9th May – 3SB trip to Fountains Abbey
- Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May – Year 6 SATs week

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards,

Fiona Meer and Beth Medhurst
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