

***'Our school is a place where all belong, all are nurtured and cared for and all feel safe'.***

On Monday, teachers took a further step on our journey to becoming a 'Nurturing School'. We had a day's training session with the Nurturing Schools Network.

We know that to learn well, all our children need to feel safe and happy. We need a clear understanding of our children's social and emotional needs so that we can understand how they are feeling and how we can help them.

***As a 'Nurturing School', we are guided by the 'Six Principles of Nurture':***

1. **Children's learning is understood developmentally**
2. **The classroom offers a safe base**
3. **The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing**
4. **Language is a vital means of communication**
5. **All behaviour is communication**
6. **The importance of transition in children's lives**

Significant events or changes in your child's life can have a deep effect on behaviour or ability to learn in school. Please feel confident to share any changes with your child's class teacher (or Mrs Heslop or Mrs Burgoyne) anything significant that is happening at home – any information of this sort will of course be treated in the strictest confidence and only shared with staff working with your child on a 'need to know' basis.

## **Making Holes in the Worry Bucket**



We know that unchecked anxieties in children can lead to unhappiness, difficult behaviour or even later mental-health problems. Before the holidays, children across both sites received an assembly with the message that everyone has a bucket of worries that can fill up and overflow – so we all need ways to 'make holes on our bucket'.

Different children will make holes in different ways – through play, relaxing, fresh air, sport, playing or listening to music and so on. Sharing a worry with a trusted adult – at home or at school – can be the most effective way to 'make holes in the bucket'... I hope we can all give our children space to talk and share what is on their mind...

## Poppy Appeal

Poppies are available to purchase on both sites. In school children will be learning the significance of poppies during one of our assemblies.



## Parents' Views...

Thank you for completing the Parent Surveys at the KS2 Parents Evenings. Your views have been noted and valued—especially suggestions for further developing our communications... It is great that 98% of KS2 parents would recommend Silsden Primary School to others. The full results are published on the 'Parent Evaluation' page of the website (find it under the 'Parents' tab)...

Nursery, Reception and KS1 Parents will now be invited to complete the survey at your Parents Evenings... The results will be published on the same page of the website.

## School Blogs

Nursery, Reception, KS1 and KS2 all have Blogs with lots of photographs of school events and happenings... The Blogs can be accessed through the link on the home page of the new website – or by clicking here:

<http://silsdenprimary.co.uk/pupils/blogs/>

\*\*Don't forget to download the Ourschoolsapp from your App Store – select Silsden Primary School and follow the instructions from the app for how to receive notifications every time a communication is sent out from school\*\*

## 2018-19 Term Dates

**2018-19 Term Dates, approved by Silsden Primary School's Governing Board are now published on the website (Select 'Key Info' tab).**

Please note that dates for the **October 2018 half term** holiday **are in line** with **South Craven school** but not other Bradford schools.

The February 2019 half term holiday dates **are in line with other Bradford schools** but not South Craven.

A reminder that in line with statutory guidance to schools, it is the policy of Silsden Primary School to not authorise holidays during term time. Leave of Absence during term time will only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'. As directed by the government, a Penalty Fine will be charged to parents for unauthorised leave of absence. Please complete a Leave of Absence application form if you wish to apply for Leave of Absence during term time and do arrange to

## Governing Board News!

We would like to congratulate and welcome two new governors to our School's Governing Board. Following a fair and transparent election process Carol Patefield and Simon Blondell were duly appointed. Our thanks also go to the two other parents who showed an interest and participated in the process.