



Silsden Primary School News

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A Happy New Year for Learning!

There was an enormously positive feeling in each class last week as the children returned for the new year – Silsden Primary School children enjoy learning and feel a determination to master new skills and rise to challenges. To engage and motivate the children, we have a great curriculum planned for this half term. Nursery's Theme is 'Look out, Look out! There's a Bear About.'; Reception's is 'Stomp, Stomp, Big Roars. Here come the Dinosaurs'; Y1's theme is 'Moon Zoom ' and Y2's is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures! In Y3, the children will be finding out about the Ancient Egyptians – the children are fascinated by them! Y4 have linked their learning together as a Journeys theme – including Vikings and their study of Scarborough; Y5 are reaching for the stars with a Space theme; Year Six will be inspired by Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic adventures.

Pupil Premium

Many Silsden Primary School children are entitled to Pupil Premium funding as they have been claimants of free school meals at some point in the last 6 years. The school receives a significant amount of money to try and narrow the achievement gap between these children and others.

We use this funding in a variety of ways – including for one to one reading support for some children and for the Pupil Premium Special Fund which provides musical instrument tuition and support for school trips, residential, uniform and after school clubs.

We are determined that all children at Silsden Primary School can succeed in their learning and we want to use the Pupil Premium funding to ensure that deprivation is no barrier to achieving at school. More details of how we spend our Pupil Premium funding can be found on the website.

*****If you believe your child may be entitled to free school meals and so may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding, please contact the office as soon as possible – we need to know by 16th January to secure funding for this year***.**

New School Building Update

You will have seen that the new school project is currently at the consultation stage of the Planning Permission process. The architects are currently talking to staff and children about the final design of the building.... Subject to Planning Permission being granted, the project remains on track for our children to move into the new building in September 2019...

A Message from Deputy Headteacher (Hothfield Site) -Mrs Cloke

I had some good news before Christmas. I have been appointed as the new Headteacher of St Mary's Primary School in Boston Spa. I will be leaving to take up this post at half term so my last day at Silsden Primary School will be Friday 9th February. Whilst I am very excited about this new challenge, I will miss the staff, pupils and parents of Silsden very much and I thank you all for some very happy times.

Wednesday 3 rd January 2018		School reopens - Happy New Year!
Tuesday 9 th January		'Families together' coffee morning - Hothfield site 9am-10am
Tuesday 16 th January		NSPCC - 'speak out, stay safe' safeguarding assembly for children
Friday 19 th January		Launch of the Silsden Year of Music - special concert by the Blackhill Barrow Boys
Week commencing Monday 22 nd January		NSPCC fundraising event in school - details to follow
Friday 9 th February		Fostering & adoption group 'coffee & chat' - Aire View site 9am-10am
Friday 9 th February		School closes for half term holiday
Monday 19 th February		School reopens
Tuesday 27 th February		'Families together' coffee morning - Hothfield site 9am-10am
Thursday 1 st March		World Book Day - EYFS/ KS1 -dress up as a boo character KS2 - To be confirmed!
Wednesday 7 th and 14 th March		EYFS/ KS1 Parents Evening - 3.45pm-6.30pm - details to follow regarding appointments
Tuesday 13 th and Thursday 15 th March		KS2 Parents Evening - 3.45pm to 6.30pm - details to follow regarding appointments
Week beg 17 th - 23 rd March		Sport Relief week - details to follow
Friday 23 rd March		Fostering & adoption group 'coffee & chat' - Aire View site 9am-10am
Thursday 29 th March		Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 16 th April		School reopens