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7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of another half term at Bentley High Street. We hope you have a wonderful half term. Please remember that we are closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February for a training day.

At the end of this letter is also transition dates for our Y6 pupils.

#### **Attendance**

WK 4- comm 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024	National this week	National from Sept	BHSP this week 1st Feb to 7th Feb	BHSP from Sept To Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
Overall absence rate	7.8%	6.9%	6.2%	6.6%
Authorised absence	5.5%	4.6%	5.0%	5.0%
Unauthorised absence	2.3%	2.3%	1.2%	1.6%
Overall attendance	92.2%	93.1%	93.8%	93.4%
Persistently absent	N/A	20.5%	17.8%	22.7%

## **Accelerated Reader**

Well done to Amber in 4D with 30,644 words and the most guizzes this week is Thaksana in 2W! Fantastic reading.

## Children's mental health week

This week we have taken part in Place2Be's Children's mental health week. Over the week children have learnt about the importance of mental health and have completed an act of mindfulness every day.

Some of our favourites are:

- Cosmic yoga (you can find this on YouTube!)
- Mindfulness colouring
- Calm me time (practising our breathing)







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#### Valentine's theme day

Children have loved getting involved with our Valentine themed events this week. You have raised approximately £150 that will go towards school resources and towards our linked charity – Eve Merton Dream's trust. A massive thank you for your continued support!

The raffle will be pulled at lunchtime today so it can be collected at home time. Please keep an eye on parentmail and Facebook to see if you are the lucky winner!

#### Safer Internet day

This week we have celebrated the global event 'Safer Internet Day'. The theme this year was all around change and what changes young people would like to see on the internet. We had a lovely assembly delivered by our school Digital Leaders, who were amazing in launching the day. We looked at how tech has changed over time and looked at designing a piece of tech on the future. The children also took part in a survey, circle times and many creative and digital based tasks.

## World Book Day- Reminder

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7th March this year and we want the day to be fun packed and exciting. We want children to have a deep interest in books and a love of reading so please engage in as much as you can.

On World Book Day itself, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. This can be character from books

children have been reading this year in school. (see list below). Prizes will be given for the most imaginative costume. Building up to the day itself, we would like you (and your children) to be creative and either decorate a pebble, make 3d models of characters/setting or create a story in a box. We would like all children from F1 to Year 6 to take part. While making, you can discuss the setting, what they characters are like and share the story. There will be prizes for the best entries. The deadline is Thursday 7th March 2024.

Have fun, be creative and good luck.







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Story in a box

3d models

Character pebbles

During the day, we will be holding a preowned book sale in the small hall where you can buy any book for 10p. If you have books you would like to donate, please drop them into the office.

Overall, we want your child/children to share their love of reading and have fun.

#### **Secondary Admissions**

<u>Secondary admissions - City of Doncaster Council</u>

Apply for Secondary School

All children in Year 6 are due to start Secondary School in September 2024.

It is important to apply on time as a number of schools will be full next September.

You are encouraged to include your catchment area school as one of your preferences even if this is not your first choice. Use the link above to do this.

- National closing date for applications is 31 October 2023
- However, you may still apply and this will be considered after the national offer date
- National Offer Date is 1 March 2024 Parents will be emailed their decision, using the email account used to apply.



## **Safeguarding**



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It's a jungle out there! If a platform where young people can video chat with random strangers sounds like an <u>#OnlineSafety</u> risk which is – quite frankly – bananas, you'll want to check out this week's guide to Monkey.

## **National Measles Incident**

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA currently:

Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles.

#### **Symptoms of Measles**

- Usually starts with cold-like symptoms
- High fever
- Sore red watery eyes
- Cough and/or runny nose
- Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth
- A red/brown blotchy rash which appears several days later, rough to the touch.

You should keep your child away from school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered.

Keep your child away from babies, anyone who is pregnant and those with a weakened immune system.

#### 'THINK' Measles

- If you think your child has measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of measles, then please stay at home and call your GP surgery.
- DO NOT bring your child to school or nursery.
- DO NOT visit the GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.
- CALL ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for your arrival.
- Children in school who are suspected of having measles will be isolated and parents will be asked to collect promptly.

## **Parking**



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Please can we again remind parents about parking near the school site. As a school we are concerned about how cars park on the road adjacent to the school carpark and we are working with the local authority about this. We do not advise any children leaving school to walk to cars parked on the roadside. This is due to the amount of cars and the lack of visibility. Please take care if you drive and park here. We urge you to drive and park sensibly. Please remember that it is an access route for other businesses and emergency vehicles who may need access.

Best wishes,

Miss Austwick Principal

# **Diary Dates**

Attached are diary dates for the term. Obviously there may be circumstances where these have to change but we will do our best to give you plenty of notice.

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	1.0- Young Voices in Sheffield
Wednesday 21st	1.0- Reception Church visit
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.0- Nursery and No1 Church visit Year 1 Parents – Phonics meeting Supporting your child with phonics/reading fluently 3:30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	

# **Doncaster Year 6 Transition Dates:**

School	Dates for Y6/7 Transition (Summer 2024)
Armthorpe Academy	9, 10 July 2024
Ash Hill Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Astrea Academy Woodfields	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Campsmount Academy	9, 10, 11 July 2024
De Warenne Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Don Valley Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Hall Cross Academy	10, 11 July 2024
Hungerhill School	9, 10, 11 July 2024





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Outwood Academy Adwick	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Outwood Academy Danum	9, 10 July 2024
Ridgewood School	9, 10, 11 July 2024
Rossington All Saints	8, 9, 10 July 2024
Sir Thomas Wharton Academy	10, 11, 12 July 2024
The Hayfield School	9, 10 July 2024 (8 July 2024 Transition Evening)
The Laurel Academy	8, 9, 10 July 2024
The McAuley Catholic High School	10, 11, 12 July 2024
Trinity Academy	10, 11, 12 July 2024
XP EAST	9, 10, 11 July 2024
XP SCHOOL	9, 10, 11 July 2024