

# January Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,  
**What a busy start to 2023 we have had!**

We hope that you will really enjoy this newsletter. There has been so much fun and brilliant learning; from the poet that visited Acorns for the day to the Environment Agency teaching the Mighty Oaks all about flooding.

## Children's Mental Health Week

From the 6th of February we will be joining in with Children's Mental Health Week. Each day we will do an activity that is linked to the theme of 'Let's Connect'.

On Friday 3rd of February, after Great News Assembly, please stay and join us for a drink and a chance to chat with each other and Claire Tooth; our Education Mental Health Practitioner.

'Let's Connect' is about making meaningful connections. As parents and carers, how you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. For example, how you greet people and maintain friendships, but also how you forgive people or say sorry when you need to.'



## Dates for you Diary

28th Jan—3rd Feb - National Storytelling Week

Friday 3rd Feb - Wear Red Day

Friday 3rd Feb - Great New Assembly and a chance to stay for a drink and a chat with Claire Tooth our Mental Health Practitioner

Monday 6th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week begins.

Tuesday 7th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 8th Feb - Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park for children in Acorns and Oaks

Friday 10th Feb - school closes for half term

Monday 20th Feb - school reopens

Thursday 23rd Feb - Bikeability sessions for all children In Reception, Year1 & Year 2

Friday 24th Feb - Great New Assembly

Friday 3rd March - World Book Day

Friday 10th March - Great New Assembly

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief

Week beginning 20th March - Parent Consultations - more information to follow

Friday 24th March - Great New Assembly

Friday 31st March - FOSS Easter Event (after school)

Friday 31st March - School Closes for Easter

## Safer Internet Day—7th February

This years theme is 'Want to Talk About It?'. We will be talking to the children about what they like to do 'online'. There will be a particular focus on 'Roblox' as many of our children talk to us and each other about the games they play. Please look out for further information.



## Absence

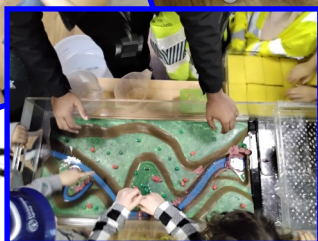
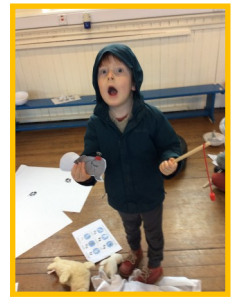


If your child is going to be absent from school please ring school and leave a message rather than emailing or using Class Dojo. Phone messages are checked regularly.

# Acorns

Acorns have been on an expedition to the Arctic. We boarded a plane and flew to Svalbard. We wore our warm clothes, and we explored the icebergs to identify the Arctic animal footprints. We found that the Polar Bear had footprints the size of dinner plates and the Snowy Owl had the smallest footprints. We went fishing like the Inuit do, we made hot chocolate and enjoyed sipping it by the campfire whilst eating our own homemade muesli bars. We learnt explorers must keep warm and keep their energy up on their expeditions. We boarded a Kayak and identified many Arctic animals through the binoculars. We saw Walrus', Seals, Polar Bears, Terns and Arctic Foxes. We loaded our cargo onto sledges, some of us were Huskies pulling the sled and when we arrived we built igloos with our bricks. We had such fun and learnt so much about life in the Arctic.

A few days later we had the poet Paul Delaney visit for the day and we composed a class Polar explorer poem with his help. Some of us also composed our own poems. We were very inspired and learnt that we can use our imagination all of the time and that we can all be poets. We found the day very engaging and entertaining and loved listening to Paul's poems and the funny voices of the puppets.



# Oaks

In Geography we have been learning all about climate and the equator. This links to our learning in science about habitats and working towards answering our BIG Question: Why don't hippos live in Hebden Bridge?! We have been getting closer to answering this question by researching habitats from around the world and learning about which animals live there and how they have adapted to thrive in those environments.

Last week, the Year 2s teamed up with Central Street to take part in an afternoon run by the Environment Agency, learning all about floods and what we can do to help prevent flooding. This was an interesting afternoon where the children got to create their own flood barriers and explored what sort of things could be lurking around in flood water!