

Woodhouse Primary School

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Activities for week commencing: 21 January 2019		
Mon	3.15 - 4.15pm	Dodgeball – Year 3 & 4
Tue	2.30pm 2.40pm 3.30-5.50pm	Open Door – RM Congratulations Assembly – Year 4 to 6 Parent / Teacher Consultations
Wed	Morning 3.15 - 4.00pm 3.15-4.15pm	4T visit to Gurdwara, Bradford Student Newspaper Club Gymnastic Club – Year 5 & 6
Thu	8.15-8.45am 3.30-5.50pm 3.15 - 4.15pm	Ballet – Year 2 & 3 Parent / Teacher Consultations Fitness Bootcamp – Year 3 & 4
Fri	10.05am	Friday Bake – 6F

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Overgate Hospice

We were joined at our assembly on Monday by Sarah Kissack from Overgate Hospice who came to collect the cheque for money raised from our Christmas Jumper Day. She was extremely grateful for our support.



Winter Weather

Should there be a significant snowfall, **it is highly unlikely that the school will be closed.** We shall endeavour to contact you by text to inform you of the situation and post information on the school website. Alternatively, you can check the Local Authority website www.calderdale.gov.uk for further details or listen to BBC Radio Leeds on 92.4FM / 774MW . In the event of snowfall during the school day, pupils **will not** be sent home. However, children may be picked up early should parents deem this necessary. **Please do not call school if you are collecting children early.**



Year 6 Residential to Lakeside

This balance needs to be paid by **Tuesday 29 January 2019.** Payments can be paid using the school online system: schoolmoney.co.uk



PACE

On Thursday 24 January alongside parents evening, there will be an information stand in school run by someone from PACE (parents against child exploitation) - talking to parents and giving advice about how to keep children safe online and how to spot signs of child sexual exploitation. If any parents would be interested in more information but are not attending on Thursday, information leaflets will be available from the school reception from or you can visit: www.paceuk.info/



SENCO

Please see below a message from our SENCO Mrs Crane.



Before and After School

A reminder that the playgrounds are supervised from 8.40am each morning. Prior to this time, parents are responsible for ensuring the safety of their child. May we also remind pupils and parents that there are to be no ball games before and after school within the school grounds.



Charity Family Fun Day

Focus 4 Hope are a community based group in Brighouse who want to make a difference to our community. They are holding an event on Saturday 26th January 10am-4pm in the Old Town Hall, Thornton Square, Brighouse (upstairs at Town Hall Dental). There'll be a variety of stalls from tombola, slime stall, books & toys, cakes, kids activity corner & lots more. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.



*******Classroom News*******

- YR – We have started our wintry worlds enquiry learning with finding out all about polar bears and how they are adapted to live in the arctic.
- Y1 – We have had an exciting day launching their Circus topic.
- Y2 – We have invented our own imaginary country in Literacy.
- Y3 – We have been learning about Switzerland and Egypt.
- Y4 – We have been learning the hand jive in PE.
- Y5 – We have been learning line dancing in PE.
- Y6 – In P.E, we learned how to perform a ceremonial dance: the Haka.



**Highest Class Attendance
last week..... 3R**

**Whole School Attendance
..... 97.79%**

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lynn Daveney
Headteacher

Message from the SENCO – Mrs Crane

Behaviour

Lots of parents worry from time to time about their children's behaviour, and it is sometimes difficult to know whether their child's behaviour at home or at school is normal or an indicator of something more serious. It may be reassuring to know that most children at some stage will have tantrums, be loud or over-excitable, argue with family members, become emotional or unreasonable and say or do things you may not have seen before. This is because children sometimes find it difficult to control their emotions and therefore react in different ways. This is perfectly normal!

This behaviour may be a one-off incident, or it may be a phase the child is going through. Some behaviours are just children's natural reactions to changes in their life which they may have difficulty adjusting to, for example moving house, parents starting a new job or a sibling being born.

It can, however, be difficult to deal with when you are faced with your child's unwanted behaviour. Here are some basic strategies parents can try to support and discourage their child's behaviour:

- Try not to overreact – stay calm!
- Give your child lots of attention when they are behaving in the right way, and less attention when they are behaving in an unacceptable way
- Make boundaries clear by setting rules and sticking to them – being consistent will help your child to learn to control their behaviour
- Talk to your child and encourage them to express how they are feeling

For further strategies, see the NSPCC's guide to positive parenting

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/research-and-resources/2016/positive-parenting/>

It can be difficult to know whether your child's behaviour is normal for their stage of development, or whether further support is needed. It can help to consider the following:

- Is this behaviour very unusual for my child, or does it fit with how they generally react to things?
- Has there been a recent change which may be affecting them? e.g. bereavement, moving house, family separation, falling out with friends?
- Is the behaviour having a negative effect on their daily life? e.g. relationships with family and/or friends, school work, hobbies?

If you are worried that your child's behaviour is not normal for their age or is out of character, it can help to discuss these concerns with your child's class teacher, or your GP may be able to offer support.

Parents may wonder if their child's behaviour suggests that they have a condition such as ADHD. ADHD is a medical condition which can only be diagnosed by specialists. Although lots of children are boisterous and may appear to be hyperactive, ADHD is more than just hyperactivity. The symptoms of ADHD are inattentiveness, hyperactivity and impulsive behaviour which are usually demonstrated over a long period of time, and in a range of situations, including at home and at school. It is much more excessive than behaviour of other children of the same age, and significantly impacts on the child's daily life.

If you would like further information, the following websites may be useful:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/behaviour/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>