



Parents Newsletter

October 21st
2020

Message from Miss Carr

I am so lucky to be Head Teacher at two schools at the moment and have loved getting to know everyone at Bracken Edge. It really is a fantastic place to be. If you would like to talk to me I am usually at the main gate or on the playground before and after school. I am working very closely with Mrs Griffiths to ensure that Bracken Edge goes from strength to strength. I want to thank everyone children, parents, families and our wonderful staff for working so hard during these difficult times. I am really proud of the way children are following the new rules and in the classrooms they are working hard and are learning lots of new things. Please say hello to me when you see me.

Best wishes
Miss Carr
Executive Headteacher

Message from Mrs Griffiths

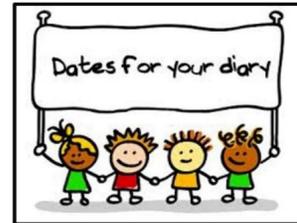
Although it has been quite a strange start to the year for us all, it has been wonderful welcoming all the children back to school. The classroom environments have felt really positive and the school has a great buzz about it. It's been really enjoyable getting to know more parents and carers whilst out on the school gates, please always feel free to raise any questions or concerns you may have. Feedback from parents and carers in this first half term has been invaluable as we adapt to new routines.

Best wishes for the half term.
Mrs Griffiths
Acting Head of School

Pupil Absence and Bubble Closure

During the pandemic we have a moral obligation to do what we can to curtail the spread of the coronavirus. This includes asking children to be collected from the school if they are displaying symptoms. Currently, we have been informed of five positive COVID-19 cases for members of our school and have closed relevant bubbles. We regularly await test results for pupils and staff who have displayed symptoms and are isolating at home. In the event of a positive test and the closure of a bubble, you will be informed via our text message service and provided with an accompanying letter from Leeds City Council. Pupils and staff within the affected bubble will then have to isolate for 14 days from the last point of contact with the person who tested positive.

Please wear a face covering when you enter our schools site.



- 20th October Harvest festival— please bring any donations into school by Friday 23rd October
- 23rd October-break up for half term. Fancy dress/own clothes day
 - Back to school Monday 2nd November 2020
 - Friday 18th December school closes 12.45pm



Parking

Please can we remind you that it is illegal to stop/park on the zigzag lines outside school. These lines are there to protect our children and to ensure that the entrance and exit of school is safe at all times. Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police will be conducting a small parking operation outside our school.

Safeguarding News

As part of our current Child Protection Policy, we must have 2 separate contact numbers on the system in case we need to contact parents/carers in the event of an emergency or illness. Ideally we ask for 3. Please can you ensure these are up to date and let us know if the details change as soon as possible.



Harvest Festival

Tuesday 20th October

Father Ericsson from St Martin's church is leading our harvest festival via Zoom. This is our first go at such an event online and we are very excited. Although we can't invite parents to the assembly this time, we will be looking at putting arrangements in place for later in the term so parents can be part of these celebrations.

Donations for the foodbank are gratefully received. Dry, tinned, packet or jar foods please. We will quarantine them before delivering them to St Martin's Community Kitchen.



New Curriculum

At Bracken Edge Primary School, it is our intention to provide all children with a voyage of learning through our unique curriculum, tailored specifically for our cohort, that allows every child to participate through belonging to the school community, enjoying their learning experience, persevering through the challenges and succeeding to their potential.

Our carefully crafted curriculum places all BEPS children at the heart of learning and is designed to enable and support every child to become life-long, independent learners. By combining excellent classroom practice through high-quality teaching with exciting wider experiences, the children will develop their confidence and independence along with a strong sense of self-worth and belief.

BEPS2SUCCESS

Succeed
Persevere
Enjoy

Nursery

We have some places in our Nursery. We are now offering you the opportunity to buy extra hours in addition to the 15 hours you get free. Speak to any of the Nursery staff or Mrs Garratt.

Also if you have a child not yet 3 then we can put them on our waiting list and we will contact you before the start date.

Friday 23rd October

Halloween fancy dress or non-uniform for children and staff

50p voluntary donation for school fund



Inset Days 2020-2021

- Monday 4th January 2020—Staff Training Day—School Closed to Children
- Friday 28th May 2021 —Staff Training Day—School Closed to Children
- Friday 23rd, Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th July 2021—Staff Training Days—School Closed to Children

Date for your diary.

School will close on Friday 18th December 2020 at 12.45pm. All children will have their school meal or packed lunch before they leave.



• Our children at Bracken Edge will benefit from a generous donation of arts and crafts resources from Athaliah Durrant's family, whose daughter Ella previously attended our school. As a family they have fond memories of their daughter's time at Bracken Edge and spoke very highly of our school. They wanted our children to develop a true love of art as Athaliah had. The staff and children would like to thank Ella's father Guy Farrar for this gift, which will have an impact on our children's learning for years to come.

• Thanks also to a member of the community Mrs Hall who kindly donated some money for us to use for cases of hardship.

