



## Sutton in Craven Church of England Primary School

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### Supporting local charities

School has been approached by a local charity (SELFA) regarding their fundraising. They are doing some parachute jumps over the following weeks to raise money and asked for our support.

SELFA have worked with a number of our children and their families over the years.

They work with vulnerable, disadvantaged and disabled children, putting on activities and holiday clubs for them. As a charity whose funding has been cut, we wanted to support their fundraising events and so our pupil-parent council has donated £100 to support them.

If you want to find out more about the work SELFA do, you can find more information at: [www.selfa.org.uk](http://www.selfa.org.uk)

### Attendance



#### At half-way through the school year, attendance is:

- Blossom Class: 95.8%
- Willow Class: 96.9%
- Oak Class: 96.5%
- **WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.4%**

The national average is **96.4%** so, as you can see – this makes ensuring your child is in school as much as is practically possible, all the more important.

#### 100%-ers!

- Only 14 children remain as having had no time of at all since September...

**Blossom Class:** Miya, Adam

**Willow Class:** Thomas, Isabelle, Jaden, William, Autumn

**Oak Class:** Thomas, Millie, Isabel J, Toby, Anna, Lili, Owen

### Our school priorities 2015-16

Staff, children and Governors are focused this year on:

- Improving maths across school. Although our children across school continue to do well compared to other schools nationally, our maths results in year 6 last year were lower than usual. Although there are reasons for this drop, we are determined our results will increase this year to above national average in year 6 (as well as maintaining the strong progress in other year groups of course).
- Improving our attendance. This dipped considerably last year, so making sure this is also *at least* in line with national averages, is a priority.
- Improving children's skills in spelling, grammar and punctuation. These basic skills, which provide a foundation for success in writing, are now supported by a specific curriculum for this, by investment in new resources and investing in staff training.
- Introducing new ways of assessing children and using the information to plan learning which more closely meets their individual needs. This is supported through a greater focus on making sure pupils are clear on how to improve their work, get the support to address gaps in their learning faster and have access to improved resources to support their learning.

You can do your bit by supporting your child with their reading and their homework and making sure their attendance is good.

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Mothers'  
Day  
Lunch

Roast Chicken,  
Roast Potatoes, Sage & Onion Stuffing with Vegetables.  
Chocolate and Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce

...have you sent in your reply slip yet?  
(speak to Mrs Hayton if you need another)



## Head lice

Head lice ('nits') are unfortunate visitors in all schools from time to time. If your child's class is affected, please can we request that you are highly vigilant and respond accordingly? Head lice can take a lot of effort to get rid of through combing and using medicated shampoo.

Put simply, it takes **all** parents to be as vigilant as each other to ensure they are eradicated completely. If your child has head lice, please let us know.

We celebrated the start of lent this year with some pancake flipping practice in collective worship on Monday. Many children tell us they are giving up chocolate for the full 40 day period!



## Pupil-Parent Council Meeting

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
2.00pm at school  
Please come along to help us plan our next school events**

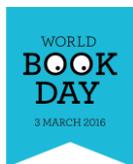


## Sports Relief **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

At our last Pupil-Parent Council meeting, our children were asked what they wanted to do for Sports Relief this year.

They would like children to wear an item of red, something sporty or a sports club outfit.

They also wanted a sports game afternoon. The school will vote on three sports and can bring in a suggested £1 donation for Sports relief.



## World Book Day **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

In addition, our children also voted on what to do for world book day.

They chose to go with children dressing as a book character or in their pyjamas (to promote bedtime reading), to bring a favourite book or teddy and to be able to invite parents in to read storybooks with them and other children.

**If you would like to come and join us on the day from 11.00-12.00pm, let your child's Classteacher or Mrs Hayton know.**

## **Don't forget...**

**We close today for the half-term break.  
We re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

## **Easter Holiday Club**

We work closely with CLIKS (Christian Links in Keighley Schools). They put on a group once a month called X-site. They bring together local children and youth church groups to put on fun events

X: site Keighley is an evening that packs games, videos, dramas and music into two hours. It is for children in years 3-7. The next event is:  
19th March at Keighley shared Church from 6-8pm

X-site also run holiday clubs, the next one being at Easter:  
29th March-1st April 2016

For more information  
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