

## A message from our Head of School - Miss Jenkinson

What a term, but we've finally made it! It has been tough at times, however our standards haven't wavered. Our attendance figures have been consistently above national averages, the percentage of Year 2 children who passed their belated phonics screening was higher than expected and the roll out of a new curriculum by all our teachers has been extremely successful! Thank you so much for all your support in abiding by the new 'normal' rules and to all of you who have sent in gifts and thank you messages; they have been very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy holiday.

*Merry Christmas*

## Covid Reporting

We have had no positive covid cases in school recently, however should your child test positive for covid up until Christmas Eve please report them to Miss Jenkinson on Class Dojo or email [kelly.starkey@sharemat.co.uk](mailto:kelly.starkey@sharemat.co.uk) to establish whether we need to inform any of our bubbles that they will need to isolate.

## Class of the week



Our class of the week is **Lapwings**

Well done to all of you and keep up the good work!

## Pick up times next term:

From the 4th January in order to alleviate the car park congestion at the end of the day, we are going to ask that only KS2 children (Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6) without younger KS1/reception siblings are collected by 3pm each day. Any KS2 child with a sibling in KS1 (Y1 or Y2) or reception classes will be picked up at the same time as their younger sibling 3.15pm and will not come into the playground until that time. Thank you for your help with this matter.

## Break the Rules Day

On **Friday 8th January** we will be holding a 'Break the Rules' day in honour of one of our students who has finished chemotherapy after 3 years. Our School Council will be coming up with some ideas of how our children might like to break the rules (sensibly!!) at school in exchange for a £1 donation which will be greatly received and donated to the Candlelighters Cancer charity.

**Candlelighters - Fighting Children's Cancer**

## Class Attendance Figures

Each class target is 97% attendance!

Well done to **Kestrels** class for a fantastic **100%**

Doves	98.18%
Ducks	99.58%
Jays	95.91%
Kestrels	<b>100%</b>
Lap-	95.6%
Magpies	95.91%
Moor-	99.5%
Ravens	95.38%
Robins	96%
Swans	96%
Swifts	95%
Wrens	91.03%

## Celebrating success in school

Our Learners of the Week are celebrated in our online assembly. Well done to all of you, especially our online learners who are working from home.

Luck Lane Learner Of the Week Award	
Doves	Millie
Ducks	Sara
Jays	Azalea
Kestrels	Lewie
Lapwings	Talhah
Magpies	Imaan
Moorhens	Amelia
Ravens	Hana
Robins	Carson
Swans	Safa
Swifts	Aaminah
Wrens	Seth

## Christmas Lunch

The children all enjoyed their Christmas lunch this week and enjoyed pulling Christmas crackers.



Year 3 had made Roman Soldier shields which they showed at the festivities.



Well done Year 3!

## Santa Visit

We had a very special visit from Santa this week who delivered presents to all the classes. Thank you Santa!



## Dates for your diary

Friday 18th December - School closes for Christmas holidays.

Monday 4th January - School reopens.

Friday 8th January—Break the rules day £1 donation for Candlelighters Charity

**2020/21 and 2021/22 TERM DATES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

### Attendance

**It is very important that you contact the school office if your child is absent due to illness. You can do this by calling the school office on 01484 505229 or reporting the absence via text message on the My Ed app.**

**Please note, all parents can download the My Ed app to communicate with school.**

**Please search [www.myedschoolapp.com/get](http://www.myedschoolapp.com/get)**

**Choose Royds Hall Community School**

**Please help school reduce the cost of texting by downloading this app on to your smartphone. All text messages will be sent via the My Ed app. Please make sure you have selected to receive notifications.**

## Polite Reminders

**Chickenpox** One of our pupils is at serious risk if they are exposed to **chicken pox, shingles or measles**. Please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child has chicken pox or measles. **It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.**

**Nut Free school** A reminder that we aim to be a nut free school due to pupils with serious allergies. Please do not bring nuts of any kind onto the school premises, including playgrounds.

**Parking** Please ensure you park considerately whilst in our car park and do not block zebra crossings, footpaths, school gates or park on double yellow lines or on the grass. Use our drop off zone for older children and wherever possible please walk to school. This is for the safety of all our pupils, parents and staff.

**Parents in school** Please be reminded that parents cannot enter school unless they have a prearranged appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff please call school in the first instance on **01484 505229** to arrange an appointment. Any forms or letters should be handed to your child's class teacher or left in the red box in the school entrance. This is for the safety of all our pupils, parents and staff.

## School Reminders

- All children must wear the correct uniform to school. Uniform can be purchased from Bridge School Wear, Milnsbridge. Please make sure that your child's name is in each item of clothing and footwear.
- Please inform the school office on 01484 505229 if your child is absent from school, every morning that they are absent, by 8.30am. An answering machine service is active if you would like to leave a message earlier than this.
- Classroom doors close at 9.00am—after this time children must sign in with the office and will be marked as late.
- If your child has a medical appointment please provide the office with proof of this for their file, so that we can authorise their absence. Where possible, please try and make appointments before or after school.
- Medication in school can only be given if it is provided in the prescribed box, with the label and forms are completed with the office.
- If your child has a minor bump to the head area we will send a text home.
- Please *take a peek once a week* and check for headlice. Please treat if required.
- Please remember to update school with any contact changes.

**The lunch menu for the first week back after Christmas is**

**Week 2**