



Armley Park Primary School

23 February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the term. It is good to see the weather improving and the days becoming longer again.

Visits to Rievaulx House Care Home

All the children in Year 1 to Year 6 have visited Rievaulx House this week to show the residents their work and to perform songs, dances and poems. I have been told that all classes behaved amazingly when they were there and all really enjoyed the visits. We hope to maintain a link with the staff and residents of Rievaulx House so we would like to plan more visits in the future.

Attendance

We have another attendance prize initiative happening right now – for every day that children attend school, and arrive on time, between now and the 8th March, they will be entered into a prize draw to win a trip to the cinema. More information is on the posters around school.

Letters are coming home today to show what your child's attendance at school has been so far this academic year. If you do not receive a letter today, you will have received one at the end of last term instead.

We strive to improve attendance and punctuality as we know this is so important for children being successful at school. Every day at school counts and if children have a day off, they miss learning opportunities which makes it difficult for them to catch up when they come back. If you need any support to improve your child's attendance, please make an appointment to meet with Mrs Cliff.

Junk Modelling

Nursery and Reception are running short of empty boxes, bottles, pots etc for the children to use to make their amazing creations with. If you would like to bring us anything that we could use, rather than putting it in your recycling bin, please drop it off with Mrs Wallace or Miss Jackson. Thank you!

After School Clubs

If your child attended a club before the holidays, the clubs are still running up until the end of this term – they do not need to reapply.

Term Dates

This term finishes on Thursday 28th March at 3.15. There are no clubs that day (including the paid After School Club provision) so all children need to be collected at 3:15. We return on Monday 15th April 2024.

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We have set the term dates for September 2024 to July 2025, these can be found on the school website - <https://www.armley-pri.leeds.sch.uk/term-dates/>

If you are planning on booking a holiday, please make sure you check the school calendar to prevent you from receiving a fine for unauthorised absences during term-time.

PTA

We are hoping to get the PTA (parent and teacher association) up and running this term so they can start to plan events for families and to raise money for the school. If you would like to offer your time to organise events or you would like to donate anything to help with events, we would be very grateful.

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 15th March, please send a bottle of anything (wine, shower gel, juice, pop etc) which we will use for our Easter Family Fun Day.

Measles

Early this morning, we shared information about the national measles outbreak and details of when the nurses are in school. Please read the information carefully – you do not need to contact school to tell us if you would like your child to have the vaccine or not, you just need to attend school on the 29th February. If you are unsure if your child has had their two doses of MMR, this information should be in the Red Book Health Record or you can contact your GP surgery.

Children will not be given a vaccine unless you are present with them and you give permission.

Parents Evening

You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers on Tuesday 12th March. We will send out more information nearer the time but you will have the chance to ask or a telephone appointment or a meeting in school.

Thank you.



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