



# Armley Park Primary School

12 January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new term, we hope you all had a good break.

This term is much shorter than the Autumn term, there are only 4 more weeks until we break up for February half-term on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and then the following term is only five weeks. There are lots of exciting things happening during these weeks so please make sure the children attend school every day so they don't miss out.

### Staffing news:

We have two new members of staff at school – Miss Crombie is our new Year 1 Teacher and Mrs Howard is our new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). We have arranged an additional 'Meet the Teacher' event for Y1 parents to come and meet with Miss Crombie on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 2:30. Mrs Howard will be getting to know the families of children who have additional needs and co-ordinating support in the future.

### After School Clubs:

We will be sending out the booking forms for our extra-curricular After School Clubs at the beginning of next week so please look out for the email if you would like to book any places. As this is such a short term, the clubs will be running until the Easter break rather than changing at half-term.

### Times of the day:

We are still having lots of children arrive late each day and that means they are missing learning opportunities.

### *Reminder:*

8.30 – gates open

**8.40 – children should be on the playground ready to line up and go into class when the bell rings. This is the start of the school day.**

We have previously been lenient and allowed children to arrive between 8.40 and 8.50 but from Monday, the start of the school day is 8.40 so if you arrive after that time, you are late. We understand there are the occasional emergencies or problems which may cause you to be a little late but this should not be happening each day.

The school day finishes at 3:15 and the gates are opened a few minutes before then.

### Digital Devices:

We are regularly having to deal with issues between pupils which have started on social media out of school but are causing problems in school. If your child uses a mobile phone, tablet or computer to interact with other people, it is really important that you monitor their activities and support them to manage how they use the apps appropriately.

Remember – children should be 13 years or older to have TikTok and SnapChat accounts so if they have them, they have given a false date of birth or someone else older has set them up for them. The reason for the age limit is because younger children do not yet have the maturity to manage their accounts and understand the long-term implications of their behaviour online.

If you need any help or advice around your child's use of social media, please let me know and we are happy to support.

Further information can be found here:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/safe-social-media-for-primary-aged-children>

If your child got new computers, tablets, computer consoles etc for Christmas, please take the time to ensure the privacy settings are on and your children are only connecting with people they know and not sharing personal data with strangers.

### Upcoming dates:

22.01.2024 at 2.30 Year 1 Meet the Teacher

w/c 05.02.2024 Literature Focus Week

09.02.2024 Break up for half-term

19.02.2024 Return to school

29.02.2024 Year 5 Shakespeare Performance at The Carriageworks Theatre

12.03.2024 Parents' Evening

20-03.2024 – 22.03.2024 Year 6 Residential

27.03.2024 Year 5 Space Camp (sleepover at school)

28.03.2024 Break up for Easter holidays

15.04.2024 Return to school

There will be lots of other exciting things happening throughout the term so please watch out for emails and texts with further information.

Thank you.



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Headteacher