



Armley Park Primary School

7 November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a good half-term break.

We are now in the second half of the Autumn Term and there are seven weeks until the Christmas break. We have lots of exciting things planning during those seven weeks so please make sure your children are in school as much as possible to enjoy them.

Punctuality:

School starts at 8.40 each morning and learning begins as soon as the children are in the classrooms. We allow ten minutes for children to arrive and get to their classrooms by 8.50. After 8.50, children need to come through the office as they are late. Children should not be regularly late – we understand there are sometimes legitimate reasons but they should arrive before 8:50.

Attendance:

Attendance last half-term was really good for lots of pupils but unfortunately, some children are having days off school for inappropriate reasons. There is some information on our website to help you decide if your child can attend school or not. If you are unsure, please call the school office for some advice. The information on the website can be found here - <https://www.armley-pri.leeds.sch.uk/attendance/> Children will be bringing letters home this week to let you know your child's attendance this year so far. Attendance at school is vital to successful outcomes and poor attendance can result in legal action being taken against parents and carers. We do not want to see any of our families having to attend court about their child's attendance so please work with us to help make improvements if needed.

We are rewarding good attendance each week by awarding additional House Points to the House with the highest attendance. For the last two weeks of term, it was really clear that the House with the highest attendance also achieved the most House Points – the children in assembly realised that this was because more children were in school to receive House Points. Every House Point counts as we are now working towards the next reward for them – last half-term, the children in Brownlee House (the yellow team) received the most points so were rewarded with a non-uniform day and a movie afternoon with treats which they really enjoyed.

After School Clubs:

An email was sent yesterday with the details of all the clubs we are offering this half-term. If you would like to request a place in any of the clubs, please complete the Google Form using the link in the email. If you have difficulties accessing this, please call the school office.

Important Dates:

- 17.11.2023** BBC Children in Need non-uniform day for a small donation to charity.
- 20.11.2023** Parents' Evening. We will send information out nearer the time – you will have the chance to book either a phone call or a meeting in school.
- 07.12.2023** Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear festive clothing for a small donation to Save the Children charity.
- 11.12.2023** Flu Immunisations. More information will be sent home for you to consent to this.
- 13.12.2023** 1.30 Nursery and Reception Nativity Performance
- 14.12.2023** 1.30 Year 1 and Year 2 Festive Song Performance
- 22.12.2023** Last day of term. School finishes at 3.15 as normal but there is no After School Club.
- 08.01.2024** Staff training day. School is closed to all pupils.
- 09.01.2024** Return to school

(More events may be happening so please watch out for letters, emails or texts)

Parental Consultation:

Last half-term, we invited parents and carers to complete an online survey to help us to know what is working well and what we can do to improve our school. Thank you if you completed the form, the results have been analysed and will be used to make improvements. We have read all of the additional comments and tried to implement some of the suggestions, such as offering more After School Clubs for younger children and there are two clubs running this half-term for children in Key Stage 1. If you did not complete the survey but you would like to raise any concerns or make any suggestions for improvement, please email office@armleypark.owlcotesmat.org

Parent and Teacher Association (PTA):

We were really pleased with the positive response to our request for volunteers to help us set up our PTA. Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting or said they would be willing to help. We will be in touch shortly with the plans to move this forward. If you missed the meeting but would like to help school, please let the office know.

Thank you.



Emily Caine
Headteacher