



# *Oakworth Primary School Newsletter*

*September 2014*

## **Dinner Money**

The total amount for this half-term is £57.00. For parents who prefer to pay weekly, the cost is £7.50 (£1.50 a day).

## **Provisional Diary Dates for the rest of this half-term.**

### **September**

16th 6 Harriers visit to Airedale Hospital  
22nd Harvest Festival  
30th 6 Falcons visit to Airedale Hospital

### **October**

1st Year 4 Residential  
13th Year 6 Residential  
17th Year 3 visit to Cliffe Castle  
22nd Year 2 visit to Eureka Museum  
22nd Reception Coffee Afternoon - Huskies  
23rd Reception Coffee Afternoon - Penguins  
21st Parents' Evening  
23rd School closes for half-term break

Once again Mr Hutchinson is collecting the Morrison's vouchers for free gardening equipment.

A collection box will soon be available in Reception.



*Dear Parents/Carers*

*Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays.*

*Once again, I must thank you for sending your children on time, in their new school uniforms including plain black shoes or trainers. Please will you double check that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes PE kits and coats.*

*The children are all settled and working hard. By now you should have received a Curriculum Newsletter from your child's class teacher telling you all about the topics that will be covered this half term. Each topic has been designed to enthuse and motivate the children and the content reflects the new National Curriculum recently introduced.*

*You may have noticed that the car park was resurfaced during the summer. We are now waiting for a 'yellow brick road' to be laid which will help the children to pass through the car park safely. As this has significantly reduced the number of spaces available for staff I would remind parents not to drive into the car park after 8:15 am. I have also been asked to appeal to parents not to block residents' driveways when parking down Dockroyd.*

*We have welcomed three new members of staff this year; Miss Peacock, who has joined us as a class teacher in Year 1; Miss Robinson in Year 4 and Mrs Clifford in Year 5.*

*K Waddington  
Headteacher*



### Visitor in school

Year One had a big surprise when Miss Fox arrived in school. They had been reading all about her in their Literacy lessons.

Miss Fox brought treats for the children and asked them to do some special work for her. We hope she will come back later this term.

### Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest festival will be held on 22nd September. Once again we will be collecting dried food and tins to donate to elders in the local community and the Salvation Army.



### Target Setting Parents' evening.

The first Parents' Evening of the year will be held on Tuesday 21st October. Teachers will let you know how well your children are settling into their new classes and share the targets for the coming year. Your child will bring home an appointment form nearer the time.

### Holidays in term time

Please note that I am not allowed to authorise holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents who decide to take their children out of school in term time run the risk of being fined by the council.

### Whizz Kids

The charity we will be supporting this year is Wizz Kids. Their mission is to transform the lives of disabled children by providing the equipment, support and life skills they need, when they need them - giving them the chance to develop their full potential.

There are an estimated 70,000 disabled children waiting for their childhoods to start, as they struggle to get a wheelchair that meets all their needs. Whizz Kids believe that every young disabled person has the right to a fun and active childhood, and the chance to develop their full potential in life. They provide disabled children and young people with vital mobility equipment, and life journey services, giving them opportunities to build friendships and have fun, and training to help them gain skills and look forward to a bright future.

There will be various activities going on in school to raise funds for this cause. In addition Miss Coulton and Mrs Sells are in training to run the London Marathon next year.

### Free School Meals

From September children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are now entitled to a free lunch every day. It is still important however that those parents who would have been able to claim free school meals because of low income still do so. This will ensure that they receive other benefits such as help with school uniform and the cost of trips. As part of the school's funding allocation is based on the number of children who are eligible for free lunches it is really important that everybody claims who can.

Further information can be found at [www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk) or the school office would be happy to help.