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Sicklinghall Superstars!



Congratulations to everyone who has received a Special Mention Certificate this week:

Alice Clee

William Marshall

Fraser Perry

Alexis Gilbert

Woody Medcalf

Claudia Newman

Anna Brotheridge

Remi Smith

Katie-Mae Grassam

Hannah Davison

Evelyn Russell

Archie Hall

Georgia Swales

& a Special Mention to the Whole of Silver Birch Class for their good behaviour during the trip to Eureka!



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We are well and truly into the Christmas season, with songs being practised, crafts being crafted and excitement building. We can often hear a carol being hummed or sung along the corridors of school and thoughts are already turning to Santa's visit in just over two weeks time!

Attendance update

Attendance has been strong for most year groups this term and this has resulted in an overall rise in attendance compared with figures from this time last year. Some year groups are achieving weekly figures of 97%+ each week. Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that your child is in school every day unless s/he has an illness that prevents his/her attendance.

End of Term

School closes for Christmas on Friday 22nd December at 2:30pm. Before this time, at 2pm, parents and carers are welcome to join us for Carols Around the Tree in the hall. The new term begins on **Tuesday 9th January**.

Silver Birch trip to EUREKA!

Yesterday, Silver Birch class visited Eureka!, the children's science museum, in Halifax. The whole class thoroughly enjoyed themselves, took part in a Coding Workshop, and learnt lots of interesting facts. Here is what 2 of our pupils had to say:

'My favourite part of the trip was the Coding Workshop. We had to put signs into a computer and a Robot had to collect papers on a table' - Katie-Mae.

'I really liked that too, but my other favourite things were guessing the sounds of things. We had to press buttons and guess what was making the sound. The other favourite things were 'All of Me' - we got passports and could talk to a Robot. We learnt all about our ears, we could look inside our ears to find out how they are made and look at our eardrum. We could measure ourselves too - we could see how long are legs were' - Phillip.

Willow Class Swimming Lessons

Thank you to all parents/carers for payments received towards your child's swimming lessons so far this term. May we remind you of the payment deadline date was **Thursday 30 November 2017**. Unfortunately, to date, we still have a shortfall in payments of **£294.00**, we therefore politely request that contribution payments for your child are checked and any further payments are made where applicable via ParentPay. **Please inform us if you do not intend to make a voluntary contribution.**

Thank you.

Breakfast Club & Chill Out Zone Booking Forms for Spring Term 1, 2018

In order for Mrs Johnson Ware, Miss Hobbs & Miss Potter to make provisions for bookings on our return on Tuesday 9 January 2018, please ensure that completed booking forms are returned by **today, Friday, 8 December 2017**. For any bookings or alterations to booking please use **Tel no: 07342 164 297**. Thank you.

Also, regarding Chill Out Zone for **Tuesday 19 December 2017**. Please could parents/carers **TEXT or advise either Miss Hobbs or Miss Potter** if you require a booking for Chill Out Zone after the Christmas party on **Tuesday 19 December**. Please advise by **today, Friday, 8 December 2017**. Thank you.

Reminder: School Christmas Dinner

A reminder that it is our school Christmas Dinner next Tuesday, 12 December. There will be **no alternative options** available on this day.

Christmas Party - Tuesday 19 December 2017

This year's children's Christmas party will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 19 December from 1.00pm-3.30pm**. Children may come to school wearing their party/leisure clothes that day, but please remember they will still need suitable footwear. There will be **no**



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school lunch on this day as the PTFA provide a party lunch for the children on arrival at the hall. Children should be collected at the end of the party from the Village Hall at 3.30pm please. We request that you please park considerately when collecting your children from the village hall and preferably park in the car park at The Scotts Arms pub, thank you.

Any children who will be attending Chill Out Zone up until 5.30pm on this day will be walked back up to school by Miss Potter & Miss Hobbs at 3.30pm.



**Invitation to our Christmas Celebrations
Thursday 14 December 2017**



Invitation to Parents/Carers/Families - Church Service & German Christmas Market

As part of our Christmas celebrations we will be visiting St Peter's Church, Sicklinghall, and holding a German Christmas Market on **Thursday 14 December 2017** to which everyone is invited (parents/carers, grandparents, friends).

For the Christmas market the children will be decorating the hall and making decorations to sell. We are hoping to have a German cake stall too for which we need to ask for lots of help and donations please! We are asking for any German style Christmas Biscuits/Stollen to be brought into school for us to sell on the cake stall as part of our German market. All funds raised will be sent to a charity chosen by Willow class.



Please could your cake/biscuit donations be dropped off at school on either **Wednesday 13 December** or the **morning of Thursday 14 December**. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you all there!

REMINDER:

Silver Birch Class Swimming Lessons

Silver Birch class will swim during the Spring Term. Lessons begin on **Monday 15 January 2018**, up to and including **Monday 26 March 2018** (10 weeks).

Please see separate letters for your child being sent home in Friday Folders today. Please return consent slips before the end of **today Friday, 8 December 2017**.

The ParentPay payment service for these lessons is now available for your payments.

Children will need to bring their swimming kit, towel and goggles if required.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 15 December 2017

Next Friday, 15 December, the whole school will be able to participate in 'Christmas Jumper Day', along with lots of other work places and schools across the country. Children may come to school wearing their own clothes and the most Christmassy Christmas jumpers of all Christmas jumpers! In return we ask for a small donation (suggested donation £1). All money raised will go to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day campaign.

ParentPay

Thank you for payments already received for various services. Please ensure that your child's lunch account is in credit before lunches are taken and that your child's Chill Out Zone account is also in credit before places are booked.

Please may we ask that you check your child's balances for the various trips, clubs, water bottles and services taken to ensure that and any outstanding balances are paid accordingly.

Payment services are available for:

**NEW - Yr4 Residential to Bewerley Park
Yr6 Fellside Residential**

Ukulele Lessons - Yr5&Yr6 for Sept 2017

Willow Swimming Lessons for Sept 2017

Swimming Lessons for SB & CB classes

Breakfast Club

Chill Out Zone



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Please make payments accordingly if applicable for your child. Thank you.

Lost/Found

A piece of jewellery has been found & handed in to the school office. Please contact Mrs King or Mr Shillito if you think it may be yours.

Friday Folders

Please could you ensure that your Friday Folders are returned to the school **on Mondays of each week**. Please ask your child to hand it to their class teacher. Thank you.

Attendance Aces

Each Thursday, we award an attendance point to the year group with the highest attendance figure in the school.

Attendance Aces

Year Group	This Week (%)	Half Term Points
Reception	98.2	8
Year 1	99.1	7
Year 2	96.4	7
Year 3	95.5	6
Year 4	98.2	3
Year 5	97.3	7
Year 6	98.2	2

Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Boots!

In anticipation of the colder Wintery weather descending upon us please can we remind all parents/carers that children need warm coats, hats, gloves and suitable wet weather footwear (wellies/boots) which should be worn for outdoor playtimes every day. Thank you.

Chill Out Zone-Last Day of Term

Friday 22 December 2017

Please note that Chill Out Zone will not run on the final day of term, **Friday 22 December 2017**, due to our **early finish of 2:30pm**.

PTFA - Party Food Lists

Please see attached lists, also being sent home in Friday Folders today.

Bad Weather Arrangements

We would like to advise/remind everyone of our bad weather and winter arrangements which are outlined below:

- School will endeavour to remain open where possible during the winter months.
- The school would need to close before the school day starts only if staff are not able to make the journey into school, meaning that there would not be enough adults to provide adequate and safe supervision of pupils.
- The school would need to close during the school day only if conditions worsen to such an extent that journeys home for families and for staff would become dangerous.
- Families' journeys to school are diverse, with some walking, some driving from local villages and some driving from further afield. For this reason, we ask that parents/carers take their own decision as to whether it is safe to drive to school on snowy days. If you decide not to make the journey, please inform school via a phone call or email.
- Should school need to close, a text message will be sent to all parents/carers as early as possible. This message will also be posted on the front page of our website (sicklinghallprimary.co.uk) and broadcast on Stray FM (97.2FM).
- Should school remain open but there is a thick blanket of snow on the ground, the playground entrance will remain closed. Pupils are therefore asked to come into school via the car park entrance, which will be supervised by a member of staff.



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SCHOOL DIARY DATES TO KEEP - 2017-2018

Swimming for Willow class every Monday: 11 Sept-18 Dec

Forest School Club-Autumn Term 2:

Mondays 3.30-4.45pm on 6/13/20/27 Nov & 04/11 Dec (NOT running on 30 Oct/18 Dec)

Thursdays 3.30-4.45pm on 02/16/23/30 Nov & 07 Dec (NOT running on 09 Nov or 14/21 Dec)

Ukulele lessons for Yr5 & 6 every Thursday afternoon, starting Thursday 14 September 2017-July 2018

Autumn Term 2

Mon 11 Dec: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2
 Tue 12 Dec: School Christmas Dinner
 Wed 13 Dec: 3.30-4.30pm Art & Craft Club
 Thur 14 Dec: 1.30-2.30pm Christmas Church Service & German Market, school hall
 Fri 15 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
 Mon 18 Dec: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2
 Tue 19 Dec: 1.00-3.30pm Children's Christmas Party at Village Hall (PTFA) - **COLLECT FROM VILLAGE HALL AT 3.30pm**
 Wed 20 Dec: 1.00-6.15pm Whole School Trip to Pantomime
 Thur 21 Dec: 9.15am Leaving assembly for Mrs Grafton & Mrs Clayton
 Fri 22 Dec: 2pm Carols around the Christmas Tree
 Fri 22 Dec: **2.30pm** School closes for Christmas holiday (NO COZ provision)

Spring Term 1

Swimming for Silver Birch class every Monday: 15 Jan-26 Mar 2018

Mondays-w/c Mon 15 Jan: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 8 Jan: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils
 Tues 9 Jan: School re-opens
 Mon 15 Jan: Deadline for YrReception applications for Sept 2018 places
 Thur 18 Jan: 6.30-7.30pm Joint Fellside Meeting for parents/carers @ SCPS
 Fri 19 Jan: Deposit Payments due - Yr4 Bewerley Park
 Mon 5 Feb: 3.45-5.30pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening
 Thur 8 Feb: 6.00-8.00pm Parent/Carer Consultation evening
 Thur 8-Fri16 Feb: Yr5/6 Thai Exchange Visit
 Fri 9 Feb: Deadline for deposit payments-Yr6 Fellside trip
 Fri 9 Feb: School closes for half term

Spring Term 2

Mondays-w/c Mon 19 Feb: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 19 Feb: School re-opens
 Fri 2 Mar: Final balance payments due - Yr4 Bewerley Park
 Mon 19 Mar: 3pm Willow class assembly
 Wed 21 Mar: 3pm Cherry Blossom class assembly
 Thur 22 Mar: 3pm Silver Birch class assembly
 Thur 29 Mar: School closes for Easter holiday

Summer Term 1

Swimming for Cherry Blossom class every Monday: 23 Apr-16 Jul 2018

Mondays-w/c Mon 23 Apr: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 16 Apr: Staff Training Day-School Closed to pupils
 Tue 17 Apr: School re-opens
 Wed 18-Fri20 Apr: Yr4 Residential-Bewerley Park
 Fri 18 May: Final balance payments due for Yr6 Fellside trip
 Fri 25 May: School closes for half term

Summer Term 2

Mondays-w/c Mon 04 Jun: 3.30-4.30pm Multi-Sports After School Club-KS2

Mon 4 Jun: School re-opens
 Thur 14 Jun: 2pm Sports Day (reserve date Wed 27 Jun)
 Mon 18-Fri 22 Jun: Yr6 Residential-Fellside
 Wed 27 Jun: 2pm RESERVE date-Sports Day
 Thur 28-Fri 29 Jun: (PROVISIONAL)Yr2/3 Sleepover-TBC
 Fri 20 Jul: 1.30pm Leavers assembly
 Fri 20 Jul: **2.30pm** School closes for Summer holiday (NO COZ provision)

 Mr Shillito's weekly diary for Dec 2017:

w/c	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
w/c 04.12.17	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	Offsite mtg	G'B
w/c 11.12.17	SCPS	G'B	G'B	SCPS	G'B
w/c 18.12.17	SCPS	G'B	SCPS	SCPS	G'B