



Bilton Grange Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



We have started the term by focusing on our school rules: ready, respectful and safe as well as watching out for children doing GOLD walking in the corridors and around school. Congratulations to the following children who all received a special mention this week:

EYFS – Albert, Rowan, Iris, Amelie, Rubin, Leonardo

KS1 – George, Beatrix

KS2 – Erona, Henry, Riley, Toby, Oscar, Kingsley, Summer-Rose, Alfie

Message from Mrs James

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, let me wish everyone a very Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas holiday.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding last week. The snow seemed a great way to end the holiday, but it certainly caused a lot of disruption! Although we hope that there will be no more snow, the weather seems to become increasingly unpredictable!

At the end of this week's newsletter is some important information about arrangements for notifying you that school is closing if there is bad weather. Please take a moment to read this.

There is also some further information about the importance of good attendance at school and arriving at school on time. Thank you for your continued support of your child's attendance and punctuality at school. As always if you need any support from school with these please contact me.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Ashby-Smith

Bilton Grange PTA News! Upcoming Events!!

Happy New Year!
Bilton Grange PTA News!

PTA Quiz Night
Friday 7th February

Easter Discos
Tuesday 1st April
Wednesday 2nd April

*All funds raised this year will go towards upgrade of play areas in KS1 and KS2 playgrounds
Shopping night: £330
Christmas Fair: £529.05*



Please see below for the complete list of important dates for this term.

Dates for your diary for the following week will be found here from the next newsletter!

This Term's Clubs

Sports Clubs

Tuesday – KS1 Archery

Wednesday – KS2 racket sports

- KS1-KS2 dodgeball competitions

- KS2 Inclusive sports

Thursday – Y3/4 Hockey club

Friday – LKS2/UKS2 Table Tennis

Year 5/6 Book Clubs – Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes

Year 3/4 Book Clubs – Tuesday lunchtime

Schools Out – Mondays 3:30 - 4:30

Dance club - KS1- Friday 3:15 – 4:15

Dance club- KS2- Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15

Science Book Club- Tuesday lunchtime

SCHOOL OFFICE UPDATES

New Parents Evening System

You should have all received an invite to book your appointment.

If you haven't received your invite, please contact the school office.

Dates are Tuesday 11th February & Wednesday 12th February (except Bluebell Class)

Bluebell Class only - Thursday 13th February

Mrs James is recovering well after an operation on her foot so will not be in school until after half term.

We are in regular contact with her and keeping her up to date with school life.

Thank you!
Mrs Miller & Mrs Hornby

Dates for your Diary!

Date	Event
Friday 24 th January	Sports for schools athlete event
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st	Reception parents invited in for story time (2:50PM)
Thursday 30 th January	Reception and KS1 Story night 4:30PM - 5:30PM
Tuesday 4 th & Wednesday 5 th February	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day - Wear a number to school
Friday 7 th February	Walk to School Day
Friday 7 th February	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 3 rd -Friday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week Theme - Know yourself - grow yourself
Tuesday 11 th February	Parents Evening (all classes)
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents Evening (all classes except Bluebell class)
Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evening (Bluebell class only)
Friday 14 th February	Rainbow Hamper Non-Uniform Day
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 17 th March	KS1 Harlow Carr School Trip
Friday 21 st March TBC*	Year 5 Space Camp
Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd April	PTA Easter Discos
Thursday 3 rd April	EYFS & KS1 Easter Craft Parade
Friday 4th April	Finish for Easter Holidays at 2pm



Bad weather arrangements



Whilst we make every effort for school to remain open in bad weather, there are times when we need to close. Over the years, school closures due to severe weather or a loss of utilities have proven to be rare at Bilton Grange and we certainly want to keep it that way!

We understand that the majority of our children live within walking distance of school, however many of our staff live further afield and have difficulty getting into work during heavy snow. This often makes it impossible for us to maintain appropriate supervision ratios to ensure our children are safe in school.

In the event of severe weather such as snow, there are a number of factors to consider when making the decision to close. This includes: is the school site safe enough for children, parents and staff to enter and use throughout the day? Does the school have a safe ratio of adults to pupils? Are there enough qualified teachers to teach pupils? The decision to close the school is always a challenging one and is based on the safety of all of our school community at its heart.

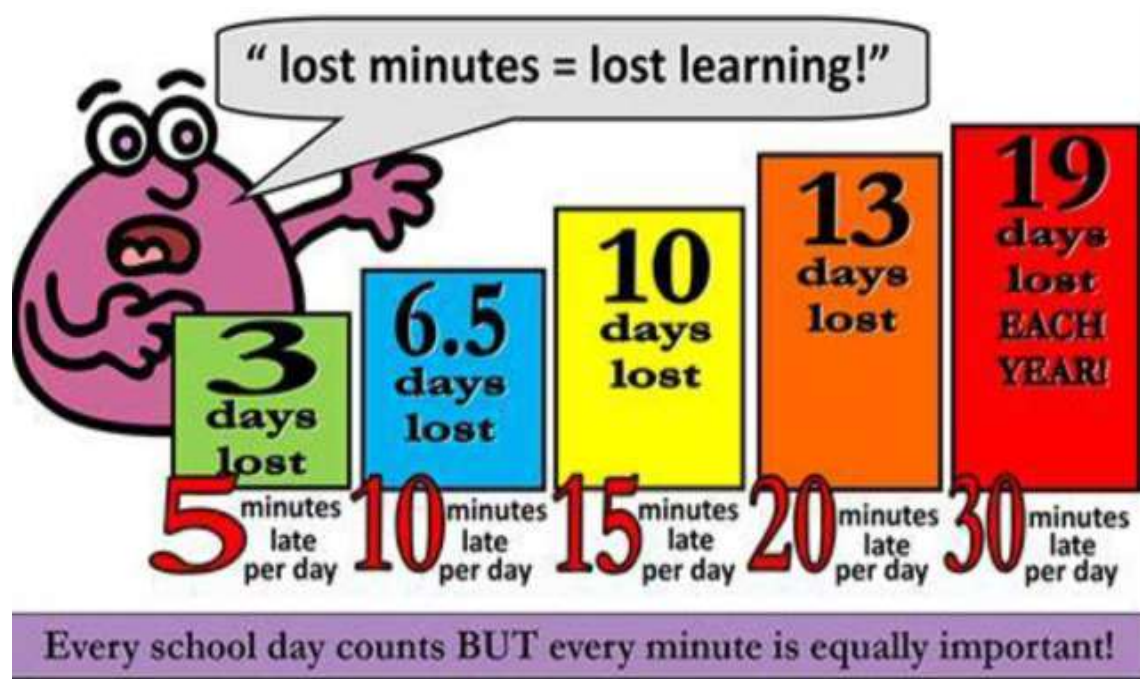
Our procedures are as follows and are also in place in the event of a loss of utilities:

1. Inform parents via text and email at the earliest opportunity. We will let you know as soon as possible if the school needs to close. Please make sure the school office has up-to-date contact details.
2. Inform parents via local radio: Greatest Hits Radio Harrogate (formerly Stray FM). Listen on air or check their website. Search "Greatest Hits Radio Harrogate".
3. Inform the Local Authority- North Yorkshire County Council. Check their dedicated website for school closures. If you have any further questions regarding our procedures, please contact the school office.
4. Please do not telephone the school but use the above- we try to keep these lines open so staff can let us know of their situation.



Attendance at Bilton Grange

Why is it important to be on time for school each day?



Tips for parents - Are you having trouble getting your child to school?

If so, a set routine can help:

Have a set time to go to bed

Have a set time to get out of bed

Have uniform and school bag ready the night before

Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast

Set a time for daily homework activities

Speak about school positively

Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

Thank you for your support in helping your child get to school on time each day!

We love to give special mentions to children. A special mention must also go to all staff in school who worked tirelessly last week to ensure our school site was safe for children to return. Thank you too, to the parents who have passed on lovely messages - your support is greatly appreciated.

