

RL Roundup

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. The children have settled back into school well and have been working hard over the last 2 weeks. We hope you enjoyed coming along to our Knowledge Day today. This half term is always a busy one in school with the run up to Christmas. There are lots of performances and events taking place in school, we have included these dates within the newsletter but they can also be found on the parent calendar that was given out in September. We look forward to welcoming parents and families into school to join us for these events.

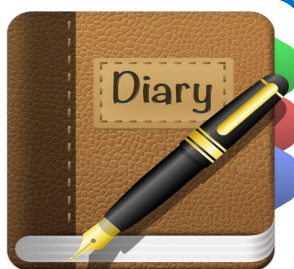


You will have received a letter inviting you to our parent conference sessions. There are both day time and after school slots so we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible in attendance. This is a great opportunity for you to find out more about how your child has settled into their new year group and about how you can support learning at home.

In exciting news, we have had new interactive boards installed in school. These, along with our IPADS and other technology in school, will ensure that our pupils continue to receive the very best learning opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you all in school in the coming weeks.

Mrs Driver



KEY DATES

Parent conferences –
Week beginning 14th
November

Road Safety week
starts 14th November

Anti-bullying week
starts 21st November

All children will be taking part in the Road Safety Week starting Monday 14th November. The theme this year is SAFE ROADS FOR ALL. Every life on our roads matters, and every death and injury is preventable.

We will raise awareness of key areas of road safety the Government supports, including safe roads, safe vehicles and speeds, the new hierarchy of road users, and the importance of inclusivity to keep us all safe on the roads, no matter who we are, or how we travel.

Children will take part in different activities to help raise awareness throughout the week. Keep an eye on our twitter page for updates of what the children get up to. **#RoadSafetyWeek**

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Mrs Behan enjoyed welcoming a number of teachers from other Bolton schools as part of a Maths project last week. Teachers from different Bolton schools came to watch an addition lesson. The Year 2 children did us proud by showing the visitors the most efficient ways to add three one-digit numbers using counters and ten-frames!

Mrs Behan works with Turing North West Maths Hub to improve the teaching of maths by delivering training to other teachers, and discussing the best ways for pupils to learn. We look forward to welcoming more teachers into our school over the year to show how our strategies for teaching Maths has a big impact on our pupils.

 **MathsHUBS**

Meet the staff



Hi, I am Mrs France the new Reception teacher here at Red Lane. I wanted to introduce myself and let you know a little more about me. I love to be creative and enjoy crafting in my spare time with my 2 children. Before I became a teacher I

used to sing. When I was younger, I travelled the country singing in clubs and at seaside holiday camps. Singing continues to be a passion of mine although I tend to stick to singing whilst doing the hoovering now. I love to spend time with my family, together we enjoy long muddy walks with our dog Oscar. My favourite subjects are History and Art, and I love to read Julia Donaldson books.

School Council



'School Council have been working with Laura from Bright Leaders on an exciting new project this half term. The children are keen to develop their leadership skills and share ideas for how to improve the school experience in fun positive ways. Watch this space for further developments!'

School Attendance

As you are aware from your parent information packs, improving rates of attendance and punctuality is one of our school improvement priorities this year. The reason for this is that rates of attendance across the school have declined since the COVID 19 pandemic. Whilst COVID absences in previous years were unavoidable, close analysis of data shows that many of the reasons for absence had no relation to COVID.

The evidence about attendance and attainment shows us that pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Year 6 have higher rates of attendance compared to those with the lowest attainment. Attendance at school is essential to ensure pupils get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.

The guidance from the Department for Education is clear. Schools have a continuing responsibility to manage and improve attendance. Ofsted also evaluate the extent to which pupils in school have high levels of attendance and punctuality.

As part of our attendance strategy we will be continuing to monitor attendance closely this half term. In addition to our end of term attendance celebrations, at the end of the term all parents will receive an update which indicates their child's attendance level so far this academic year and how this level compares to the nationally expected level.

School have an excellent relationship with many families for whom attendance poses a challenge. If any other families would like additional support or guidance this can be accessed by contacting Mrs Barlow.

Attendance Matters



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