



Monday 18th March 2019

Dear parents/carers,

As you already know Bilton Grange is celebrating its 100 year anniversary this year. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate the amazing success Bilton Grange Primary School has had over the last 100 years.

Plans for building the school started in 1913 following a competition to design a new school in Harrogate. Building work commenced shortly after and was almost complete when the First World War began in 1914. Owing to the general shortage of materials and labour work ceased until the war ended in 1918. The school was given the name of the 'Sun School' because of the large windows letting in large amounts of natural light. The school first opened on 1st April 1919 as Skipton Road Council School- it wasn't called Bilton Grange until 1925. We still have the original head teacher log books going back to the first day at school and will be sharing some of these with the children. For your interest we have emailed you with a history of the school. Thank you to Bilton Historical Society for this.

So with the official centenary on Monday 1st April we would like children to experience life in school as they would in 1919 and celebrate. Below is a photo of taken of children at Bilton Grange School (Skipton Road Council School!) in 1919.

We would like all children to dress as the children in the photo. It should not take too much effort and we are certainly not asking you to go and buy new clothing. Please no loud colours or slogans- clothing was very plain, dark and subdued.

For girls we suggest:

- Plain pinafore style dresses and cardigans.

For boys we suggest:

- Trousers/shorts, white t-shirts and grey/dark jumpers.



During the day, children will find out more about the school's past, sing songs of the era and carry out some of the activities children in 1919 would have done. There will be a party in the afternoon; food will be provided at no cost to parents/carers. We thank the Co-Op for donating some of the food items.

There will be a menu change for this day to reflect the celebrations. Wednesday's roast turkey dinner will be served on Monday and Monday's cottage pie will be served on Wednesday. The vegetarian option will be Quorn sausages and pudding will be a homemade oaty biscuit. If you would like your child(ren) to have a lunch then please pay via School Money or pay £2.50 cash on the day.

We hope this will be a very special day. If you would like any further information please contact your child's class teacher.

If you or other members of your family previously attended Bilton Grange and have old photographs or stories of the school then I would very much like to hear from you. This would help create a display of 100 years at the school so anything you have would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Street

Deputy Head