



Bilton Grange Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



This term we are looking for children who are fantastic learners to receive special mentions in our Friday Celebration assemblies. This week's **fantastic learners** are:

Congratulations to the following children who all received certificates this week:

EYFS – George, Juno

KS1 – Jossy, Senan

KS2 Connor, Olivia, Natali, Lottie, Callum, Elizabeth, Marcie, Fraser, Sienna, Harper, Aiva, Emily, Honey, Lilly, Ethan, Joseph, Laurie

Top Table Awards: Aria, Maria, Luna, Zeyjah, Riley, Rex, Mawuli, Kaitlyn, Amelia, Ohene, Alastair, Mason

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 and it has been great having all the children back in school. I'd also like to welcome all the new children and families who have started at Bilton Grange this term.

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 as listening to the forecast snow may be on its way in the coming days and weeks!

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 James

Bilton Grange PTA News!
Upcoming Events!!

Happy New Year!
Bilton Grange PTA News!

Uniform Recycle
Friday 19th January
8.45am and 3.15pm
in school hall

Quiz Night
Friday 2nd February
More details to follow!

All funds raised this year will go towards upgrade of play areas in KS1 and KS2 playgrounds



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

Monday – KS2 Girls Sports

Tuesday – KS2 Dance Club

Wednesday – KS1 Multiskills
- Dodgeball Competition

Thursday – UKS2 Tennis
-LKS2 Tennis

Friday –LKS2 Gymnastic Club
-UKS2 Gymnastic Club

Year 5/6 Book Clubs – Wednesday and Thursday lunch-times

Year 3/4 Book Clubs – Lunchtime tbc

Schools Out - Mondays

SCHOOL OFFICE UPDATES

Happy New Year to you all

**Please remember to pre order your child's school lunches via your SchoolGrid account.
Lunches cannot be ordered in school**

After School Clubs

Please return consent forms & payment asap. Your child's place will not be secure until full payment has been received

Have a lovely weekend

**Thank you!
Mrs Miller & Mrs Hornby**

Dates for your Diary!

Date	Event
Friday 19 th January	Uniform Recycle
Thursday 26 th January	NSPCC Workshops and Assemblies
Friday 26 th January	Leeds Rhino workshops with year 5/6 and whole school assembly
Tuesday 30 th & Wednesday 31 st January	Year 4 Nell Bank Residential
Thursday 1 st February	Facebook Stories launch
Friday 2 nd February	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 5 th -Friday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents Evening
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 20 th February	Young Voices Concert
Friday 23 rd February	Athlete Day
Friday 23 rd February	Year 5 Space Camp
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th March	PTA Easter Discos
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 2 Yorkshire Museum Trip
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 1 Yorkshire Museum Trip
Thursday 21 st March	EYFS & KS1 Easter Craft Parade
Friday 22 nd March	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.

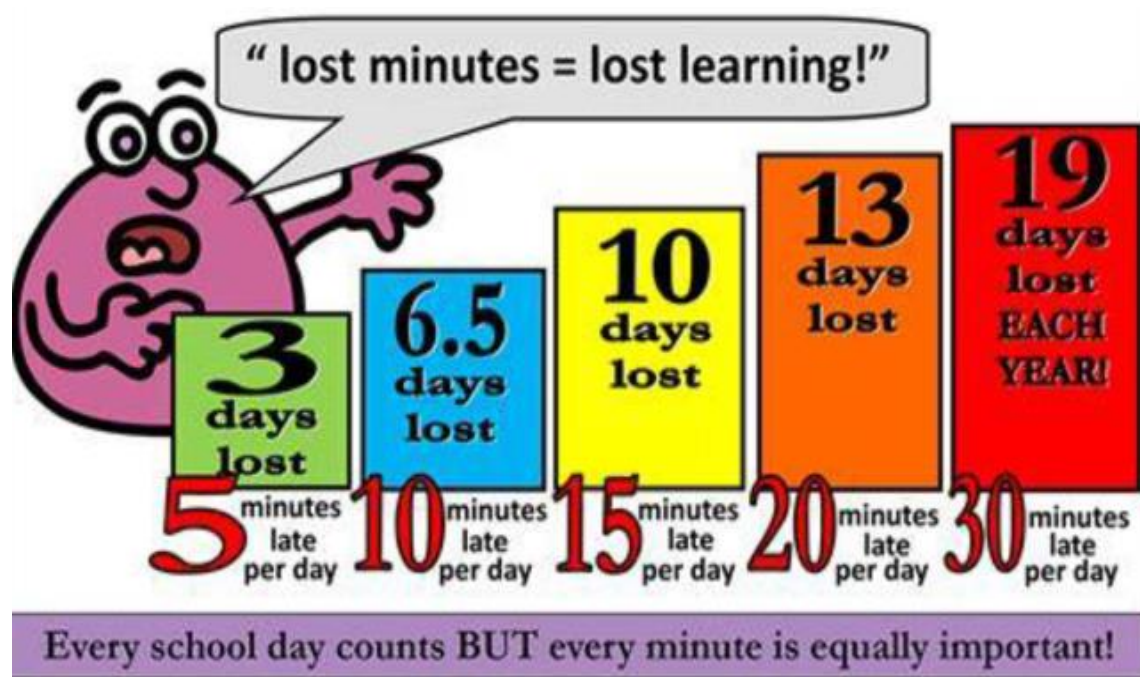
Our procedures are as follows and are also in place in the event of a loss of utilities:

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!

