

National News



Wednesday 6th April 2022

On Friday we will break up for our Easter Holidays and we will return on Monday 25th April.

We recommend that children continue to read daily during the Easter Holidays to support their progress.

We hope all our families have a wonderful Easter!



We realise that other schools don't invite parents into classrooms as often as we do and how much our parents appreciate our open door in the mornings. After Easter we aim to increase our open door and invite parents into the classroom more. Parents will be invited in on Tuesday for some 'Pleasure for Reading' time with their children and on Friday's for a 'Book Look'.

We are trying to collect all the money for the 'Grow £1' and let the children know how much was raised for Save the Children on Friday. Please send in any outstanding money tomorrow. If your child hasn't grown their £1 please ensure you return the £1 to school tomorrow also.



Save the Children

Grow a £1



Mrs Sally Eaton (Reception TA) will be leaving on Friday for her maternity leave. We wish her all the best on the birth of her second child, a lovely brother or sister for Eliza in Year 3. We can't wait to meet her bundle of joy!



Your comments on our survey

Some of the positive things that you said about our school:



- We love everything about this school
- We saw a huge change academically in children after joining this school
- Helping my child with their confidence and pushing them to succeed and to do better
- Great books / fab new book scheme and helping my child learn to read
- Stimulating pupils with their learning and ensuring the children are always happy
- Communicating good things to parents
- Making sure every child gets involved in many different activities/subjects
- Well informed via weekly newsletter

The headteacher says, 'Thank you! We have been blown away with the positive comments you have fed back to us. I am glad the children are enjoying the new reading books. Thank you to the parents that appreciate my newsletters.'

Some of the things you would like us to improve:

- Better topic homework that is set every 2 weeks, 6 weeks is too long
- More written homework

The headteacher says, 'We always get very conflicting feedback about homework. Some parents love it and some hate it. We know for some families it can be a bone of contention. This has been discussed at staff meeting and we have tried to keep a nice balance in the homework that is set.'

- Brighten up the playground

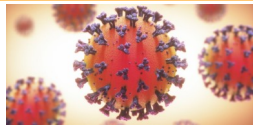
The headteacher says, 'This is our intention, we will also be investing in some more play equipment both large and small, more plants and benches over the Summer. The children's voice on what they want in the yard will be heard over the Summer Term so plans can be made.'

- Bigger portions of dinner
- Rotate lunch sittings, limited choice for Y6

The headteacher says, 'Dinner portions are governed by the School Food Standards and are portion controlled. Year 5 and 6 are on the last sitting due to the timing of their lunch hour but Year 5 and 6 do swap each day on who goes in to the dining room first.'

Here is the latest Covid Update.

COVID-19 testing with LFT and PCR's will cease. There is no access to free testing for most people.

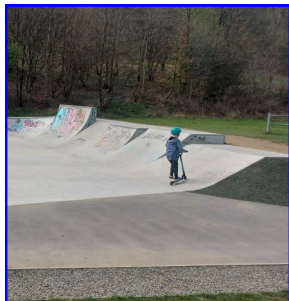


Anyone who does test positive with a lateral flow test should stay at home for 5 days (adults) or 3 days (children).

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can return to the school when they no longer have a high temperature and they feel well enough.

Children with mild symptoms of respiratory infection, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.

Active Shout Out—a shout out to Mia Rez and Bertie Claxton-Spillett who have both been active at Centre Vale Park—well done you two!



United prayers for Ukraine

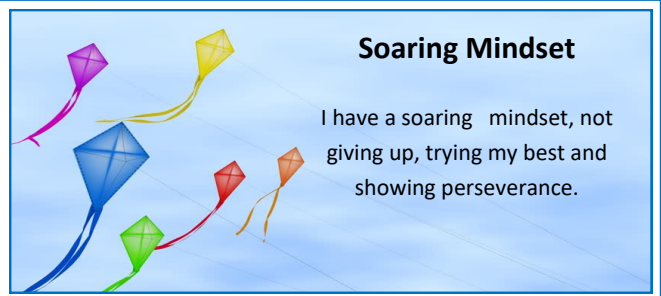
On Thursday 31st March five of the schools in Todmorden met on Centre Vale Park to be 'United in Prayer' against the conflict in Ukraine. It felt great to be united in our voices. The prayers and more pictures are on the home page of our website.



Please can all parents ensure that information on contact numbers, email addresses and home addresses are up-to-date in school.

Soaring Mindset

I have a soaring mindset, not giving up, trying my best and showing perseverance.



Bunnies =	Bella Ashley-McKelvey
Owls =	Harrison Montague
Reception =	Marcie Cook
Class 1 =	Eva Kew
Class 2 =	Katie Robinson
Class 3 =	Darcey Walsh
Class 4 =	Kayden Preston-Mullin
Class 5 =	Lyra Roberts
Class 6 =	Lillie Riding

This Week's Stars

For showing our values of Love, Hope, Perseverance or Honesty

Bunnies =	Willow Hauck
Owls =	Alice Matthews
Reception =	Max Aspin
Class 1 =	Noa-Maeve Hurst
Class 2 =	Alfie Roache
Class 3 =	Imogen Holmes
Class 4 =	Joshua Windle
Class 5 =	Ollie Roe
Class 6 =	Jensen Spence




READER OF THE WEEK

For children who consistently read at home.

Reception =	Caelan McManus
Class 1 =	Austin & Chloe
Class 2 =	Poppy Cunningham
Class 3 =	Alfie Grice
Class 4 =	Ruby Nightingale
Class 5 =	Joshua Gittins
Class 6 =	Alfie Harris



Our Christian value for the next half term is:
RESPECT



Lifeboats

GIVE YOURSELF A FLOATING CHANCE

The average temperature of British and Irish coastal waters is 12-15°C. That's cold enough to cause cold water shock.

If you're in trouble in cold water:

- 1 Fight your instinct to thrash around
- 2 Lean back, extend your arms and legs
- 3 If you need to, gently move your arms and legs to help you float
- 4 Float until you can control your breathing
- 5 Only then call for help or swim to safety

FOR THOSE WHO FIND FLOATING A LITTLE HARDER:

- clothing can provide natural buoyancy for the first few minutes.
- stick to gentle movement to help you float.
- practice your floating technique in a pool.

WHEN THE SHOCK HAS PASSED, LOOK FOR SAFETY. OPTIONS ARE LIKELY TO INCLUDE:

- swimming to safety – parallel to the beach if you're caught in a rip current
- calling for help
- finding something to hold onto to help keep afloat
- thinking about ways to preserve body heat until help arrives.

Help save lives. Share our Float to Live advice.
RNLI.org/RespectTheWater

RESPECT THE WATER

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea
Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209603), Scotland (SC037736), in the Republic of Ireland (20003326) and the Bailiwick of Jersey (14)

Nationally, many internet safety agencies are warning parents to be extra vigilant over seemingly fun videos widely circulating on YouTube and TikTok that feature a menacing character with razor-sharp teeth with the seemingly friendly name of 'Huggy Wuggy'.



The character is from a survival horror game called 'Poppy Playtime' which has the effect of leading parents and children to believe the videos are aimed at youngsters and contain no inappropriate material. It even gets to slip by many device parental controls.

The reality is that 'Huggy Wuggy' a blue bear-like creature, chases and threatens other characters in nightmarish scenarios, leaving many children upset and frightened.

The Poppy Playtime game is perfectly legal and widely available on the App stores for Apple and Android mobile devices with a PEGI rating of age 12+

Please be vigilant in respect of the content your children are accessing and take appropriate steps to remove or block any harmful content they may be exposed to.

We are appealing to parents to please have a conversation with their children regarding the risks and hazards around water, such as cold water shock, entanglements and other risk factors and to relay the **#floattolive** message in the leaflet above [CLICK to watch RNLI demonstration](#). For more information and water safety messages, follow **#respectthewater** [CLICK HERE](#)



Creative Healthy Holidays

Work with an artist to learn something new and be inspired this spring holidays

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th April, 1-5pm each day

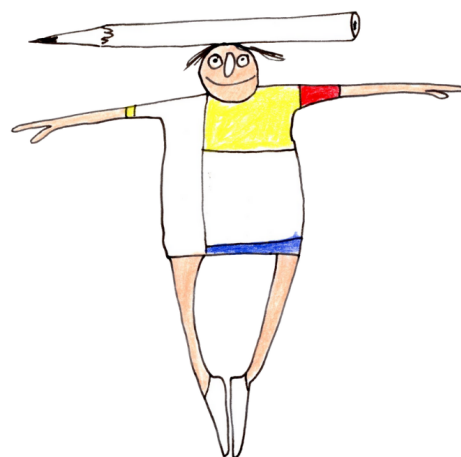
All abilities welcome, with a support assistant on-site with SEND training

Snacks and a hot meal included in every session

Sessions are FREE for children aged 5-12 who are eligible for free school meals

Further funding available or £30 full price

To book your place, visit www.theartworks.org.uk/creative-healthy-holidays or call 07888 343291



Sessions are delivered by and take place at Artworks, the Everybody School of Art, Shaw Lane, Halifax HX3 9ET

This programme is part of Calderdale's Healthy Holidays, generously funded by the Community Foundation for Calderdale and Calderdale Council



**Easter Fun Day for
Clic Sargent,
Wednesday 13th April
at the White Hart
Egg Decorating
Face Painting
Biscuit Decorating
Raffle with Excellent
Prizes from Local
Businesses**