



# Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery School

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Happy New Year

A warm welcome back and Happy New Year. On behalf of the staff can I say thank you for the lovely cards and presents we received from you over the Christmas period. As always your generosity is always appreciated.

## Introduction to the New Headteacher

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Lee Brigg Infant and Nursery School. All the staff, children and governors have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be joining your school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself and express my enthusiasm for the exciting times ahead. I have been teaching for the last sixteen years in Wakefield, predominantly across Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. For the past seven years I have held the position of Deputy Headteacher at a large primary school in Ossett. During this time I have also worked for the Local Authority as an Early Years Moderator and delivered training for them at various events across the district.

My philosophy for education is one which is based around the importance of 'getting it right' in Early Year's education in order to build the secure foundations and love of learning needed for the rest of a child's educational journey. I have a strong child centred approach to teaching and I maintain that developing children's independence, confidence and self-esteem is paramount for successful learning to take place. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress.

My priority as Headteacher is to ensure that Lee Brigg Infant and Nursery School continues to be an outstanding school. Not only do I want to get to know the pupils, staff and school community this term but also continue to build upon the excellent work already in place.

Being a mum of a young child myself, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching, learning and behaviour is in place. I am passionate about working in partnerships with parents, so that every child thrives at school and so we can ensure that we are able to meet the needs of all our pupils to achieve their full potential. I hope you will support our high expectations in all areas, especially in behaviour and achievement.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with Miss Kilkenny, the pupils, staff and governors. I would like take this opportunity to say

thank you to Miss Kilkenny for her support in ensuring my transition was as smooth as possible and it goes without saying that I intend to build upon the good work already put in place by both



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Miss Kilkenny and Mrs Cavell.

I hope to hold a 'Meet the New Headteacher' meeting in order for me to gain a wider knowledge of the parent community. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

## INSET Day

Please note there will be an INSET day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The remaining INSET days have been allocated as the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 therefore the school will break up for summer on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

## School Dinners

Thank you to those parents who attended our food tasting session yesterday hosted by our school meal provider. We have listened to the feedback from children and parents regarding school meals and have asked for our school menu to be redesigned to include those meals popular with our children. As you may be aware infant school meals are provided free of charge so we would like to encourage as many children as possible to access them. On that note we have a special 'Space' theme meal day happening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Details of this will follow next week.

Next week's menu is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Spaghetti Bolognese served with garlic bread	Chicken Pie in Gravy with Puff Pastry served with potatoes	Roast Turkey, roast potatoes and gravy	3 pork sausages served with mash and gravy	3 fish fingers served with chips
Pizza	Vegetable Curry served with rice	Vegetarian shepherd's pie with Gravy	Neopolitan Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato Puff Square served with chips
A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes	A selection of filled jacket potatoes

## After School Club

This half term the after school clubs running are:

- Dance Club with Mrs Tutt (3.15-4.00) Monday
- Story Club with Miss Newsham (3.15-3.45) Tuesday



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- Drawing Club with Mrs Taylor and Mrs Greaves (3.15-4.00) Wednesday  
**Clubs will start week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

## Firefighters Bags

Please fill bags with clean clothing, shoes and accessories and send them back to school for collection **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. They will need to be at school for start of the day.

## Stars of the Week

Every week two children from each class are nominated as **Stars of the Week** in recognition of their hard work, achievement and progress. Our stars of the week this week are:



Tiger class:	Tia	For super cutting skills when making shape animals.
Tiger class:	Alex	For going into the mark making area and practising his letter formation.
Lion class:	Sophie-Anna	For her fantastic shape finding skills in maths.
Lion class:	Kasper	For his fantastic shape finding skills in maths.
Leopard class:	Lily-Rose	For super understanding when reading.
Leopard class:	Jessica	For improved counting back.
Jaguar class:	Gabriella	For really improving her handwriting.
Jaguar class:	Elizabeth	For always being kind and helpful to everyone.
Panther class:	Alex	For fantastic division work in maths this week.
Panther class:	Nicole	For fantastic improvement and progression in writing.

## Attendance – School target 96.5%

Congratulations to everyone in **Lions, Tigers and Panthers** class for achieving the highest class attendance this week.

This week's class attendance figures are:

- **100% in Tiger class**
- **100% in Lion class**
- 98.2% in Leopard class
- 95.7% in Jaguar class
- **100% in Panther class**

Our school attendance figure is 97.1% which is wonderful!

Yours sincerely

Sarah Gordon - Headteacher



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