

## *Journeying together with God*



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Dear parents/carers,

We are now at the end of the first half term. It is our longest half term and I am sure we are all ready for a break, I know the children are.

This half term we have taken part in sporting activities such as the cross country competition, we have had the 'Rock Steady' music company come and perform for the school and our first few 'stay and...' family events.

In school we welcome KS2 children bringing in a fruit snack into school for their morning break time. Please note children in KS1 are already provided with a free fruit snack. We have had to stop children having this in the playground as there are children who are running when eating and this is then not safe. The older children (Y5/6) may still be able to take their snack outside but they must stay still with it and then dispose of their litter appropriately. For the younger children (Y3/4) there will be time made in class for them to have their snack.

This half term Mrs Hurst has sadly not been in school. It is unclear when she will be able to return to school. Mr Gargett has been teaching the class over the course of the past few weeks. He will continue to teach Cherry class after half term but only on a Thursday and Friday. This means that Mrs Miller, who once again is coming out of retirement for us, will be joining us after half term to teach the first part of the week in the class.

On Monday this week our staff team took part in a 'Wear it Pink' day to show solidarity with Jo Herbert, one of our Co-Chairs of Governors who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. With the raffle and donations we have raised about £250 for her chosen cancer charity.

I hope you have a good half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8.45.

Mrs Esplin

## ***Dates to remember***

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Break up for half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
*TRAINING DAY—no children in school*

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Children return to school  
Healthy: Inside and Out day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Y6 global workshop – Courageous  
Advocates*

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
9.00-10.00  
*Ash class (Reception) 'Stay and Play'  
(bonfire night themed) event—  
parents/carers of children in Ash class  
encouraged to attend one of the times*

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Respect week*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
9.00-10.30  
*Open Morning for prospective families  
(Reception – September 2027) –  
presentation at 9.15*

*Flu vaccinations – those children who did  
not have their vaccine on the last  
booked date*



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# Attendance Matters

## Class Attendance Rewards – updates for 2026-27



To help us promote and celebrate good attendance and punctuality, we have recently introduced a new incentive initiative – a coin-based reward system.

The coins available can be earned for different achievements:

- Gold (10 points) – highest (1<sup>st</sup> place) class attendance for the week
  - Silver (5 points) – 2<sup>nd</sup> place for class attendance for the week
  - Bronze (2 points) – 3<sup>rd</sup> place for class attendance for the week
- Early Egggy Bonus Coin – for 100% attendance and punctuality, awarded daily
- Admiral Attendance Bonus Coin – awarded weekly if the 'Secret Student' (a child chosen at random) has 100% attendance for the week. Classes with above 94% attendance for the week who have not achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold will also receive this bonus coin. We will be awarding 'spot prizes', e.g. improved attendance or punctuality on a whole class or individual basis too.

Each class will collect any coins earned on a class attendance tree and at the end of each half-term the class with the highest points total will receive a prize afternoon, which could be a pizza party, movie and popcorn, cake and crafting or a trip to the local park (as examples). The points will then re-set for the next half-term so there are 6 chances to win throughout the year.

The winning class for the first half-term (Autumn 1) and their chosen reward will be shared in the next BSP newsletter.

### Reminders:

- Where possible, please arrange to make routine medical and dental appointments outside of school hours.
- If your child must miss school for a medical or dental appointment, please send us an email with a picture of your appointment letter or a screenshot of your appointment text to [attendance@bsp.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@bsp.leeds.sch.uk). This includes if your child visits the GP for an appointment whilst off school ill. This helps the attendance team to ensure your child's attendance record is accurate and up to date.
- The attendance team, led by Miss Ward, are here to help you and your family to overcome any barriers to attendance and punctuality. Please speak to us if you have any concerns or difficulties.

### Attendance Update by Class:

| Class    | Fortnightly Attendance<br>(9 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> October) | Overall Attendance this academic year |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ash      | 92.9%                                                                 | 95.2%                                 |
| Elm      | 96.8%                                                                 | 94.9%                                 |
| Beech    | 91.9%                                                                 | 94.2%                                 |
| Pine     | 94.4%                                                                 | 95%                                   |
| Birch    | 92.1%                                                                 | 95%                                   |
| Lime     | 95%                                                                   | 94.6%                                 |
| Cherry   | 92.6%                                                                 | 94.5%                                 |
| Hazel    | 88.7%                                                                 | 92.4%                                 |
| Sycamore | 94%                                                                   | 94.1%                                 |
| Maple    | 93.9%                                                                 | 93.9%                                 |
| Oak      | 95.6%                                                                 | 96.8%                                 |

**Remember:** our target for attendance is 94%



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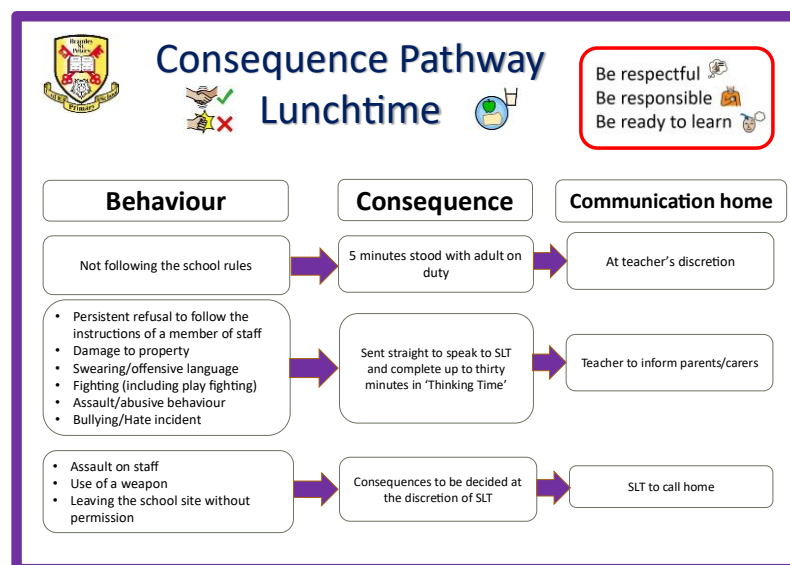
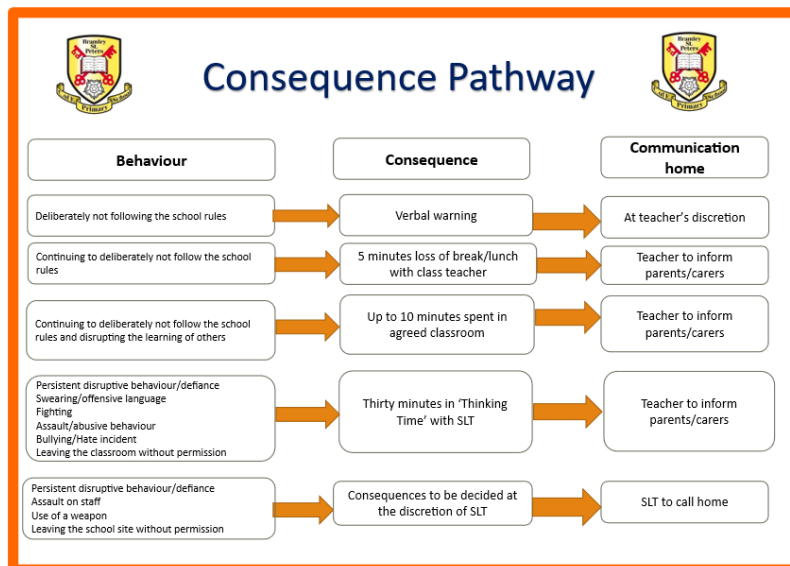
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# Behaviour

## Behaviour

I would like to send you a few further updates in regards to the newly introduced consequence pathways.

- If your child receives a 5 or 10 minute consequence, you will receive an e-mail via Arbor to inform you of this. The wording is generic and there will be more details shared by your child's class teacher if this is necessary. If you would like to understand the circumstances around the consequence, please feel free to speak to the teacher (see communication section on next page). Please do not ring the office team as they do not have the information that you are asking for.
- 30 minute consequences are given for a continued build up of behaviours or for more serious incidents e.g. fighting. You will also receive an e-mail via Arbor informing you of this consequence. Please note class staff will update you as to the circumstances around this. Please also note that if your child is in KS1 or has specific additional needs, the length of time may be adjusted in thinking time by the Senior Leader supervising this to a length deemed to be more appropriate for them.



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# Communication

## Communication

We will no longer be using Seesaw to communicate with families. We will only be using Arbor and the newly created e-mail addresses.

You will need to make sure you have downloaded the Parent Portal App for Arbor and are logged into this app so that you don't miss any messages from school. There is a dedicated page on the website with help guides but please contact the school office if you are still struggling to access Arbor.

### Clubs and trips

Clubs and events will be sent out as e-mails for you to consent and sign up to from Arbor. You will be able to make payments in this section of Arbor for clubs and class trips.

### Direct communications with teachers and class staff

We have set up year group e-mails which will be picked up directly by classroom staff. In your communication, please put the message 'For the Attention of (and add the teacher's name)' e.g. 'FAO Miss Garner' and the message will be picked up by the appropriate member of staff.

Please also be aware that the priority of teachers during the school day is on teaching the children and they are in class the majority of the day. Responses to e-mails may not be the same day but communication will be as soon as practically possible.

| Class/ Year Group         | Teachers                                                                              | E-mail                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nursery (Willow)          | Mrs Mullarkey                                                                         | Nursery@bsp.leeds.sch.uk   |
| Reception (Ash)           | Mrs Wilson                                                                            | Reception@bsp.leeds.sch.uk |
| Year 1 (Elm and Beech)    | Mrs Newlands, Mrs Connolly and Mrs Gee                                                | Year1@bsp.leeds.sch.uk     |
| Year 2 (Beech and Pine)   | Mrs Gee and Mrs Davidson                                                              | Year2@bsp.leeds.sch.uk     |
| Year 3 (Birch and Lime)   | Miss Bainbridge and Miss Garner                                                       | Year3@bsp.leeds.sch.uk     |
| Year 4 (Hazel and Cherry) | Mr Mulvihill and Mrs Hurst ( <i>Mr Muckelt and Mrs Miller have access currently</i> ) | Year4@bsp.leeds.sch.uk     |
| Year 5 (Sycamore)         | Miss Carter and Miss Hastings                                                         | Year5@bsp.leeds.sch.uk     |
| Year 6 (Oak and Maple)    | Miss Gatehouse and Mrs MacHugh                                                        | Year6@bsp.leeds.sch.uk     |



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# Parental Engagement Events

## Early Years and Key Stage 1 events

|                                                   | Autumn term                                                                                                                                                                        | Spring term                                                                                                                                                      | Summer term                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Nursery</b><br>(Willow class)                  | <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>8.45-9.30 and 12.15-1.00<br>Stay and Play<br><br><b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b><br>8.45-9.30 and 12.15-1.00<br>Stay and Play | TBC                                                                                                                                                              | TBC                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Reception</b><br>(Ash class)                   | <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b><br>9.00-10.00<br>Stay and play (Bonfire theme)                                                                                             | <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b><br>9.00-10.00<br>Stay and investigate<br><br><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>9.00-10.00<br>Stay and Easter Craft | <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b><br>9.00-10.00<br>Stay and scrap<br><br><b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>2.00-3.00<br>Grandparent Afternoon Tea |
| <b>Y1 and Y2</b><br>(Elm, Beech and Pine classes) | <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b><br>9.00-9.45<br>Stay and Christmas Craft                                                                                                     | <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>2.30-3.10<br>Stay and Skip/Build                                                                                          | <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>9.00-9.30<br>Stay and Read                                                                                     |

## Key Stage 2 Events

|                                 | Autumn term                                                                        | Spring term                                                                   | Summer term                                                          |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Y3</b><br>(Lime and Birch)   | <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b><br>9.00-9.30<br>Stay and Christmas Craft   | <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>2.30-3.10<br>Stay and Read            | <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b><br>2.15-3.00<br>Stay and Scrap |
| <b>Y4</b><br>(Hazel and Cherry) | <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>2.40-3.10<br>Stay and Read                | <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b><br>2.40-3.10<br>Stay and Investigate | <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b><br>9.00-10.00<br>Stay and Multiply |
| <b>Y5</b><br>(Sycamore)         | <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b><br>9.00-9.30<br>Stay and Read            | <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b><br>9.00-9.30<br>Stay and Problem Solve   | <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b><br>2.30-3.10<br>Stay and Create  |
| <b>Y6</b><br>(Oak and Maple)    | <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b><br>2.30-3.10<br>Stay and Christmas Craft | <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b><br>2.30-3.10<br>Stay and Read             | <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>9.00-9.30<br>Stay and Quiz    |

## Family Breakfast Events

These are events where you, your child and other family members can come and have a light breakfast together in the school gym, with the food being provided by school. These are all from 8.00-8.40 and the dates can be seen below for each year group.

|                                         |                                          |          |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Y1 – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November | Y2 – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November | Y3 – TBC |
| Y4 – TBC                                | Y5 – TBC                                 | Y6 – TBC |



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# Gallery

We have had a busy few weeks this half term. We have had a few music related activities; here are a couple – Dance Club and our Rock Steady Assembly. Staff and governors were proud to support one of our Co-Chairs of Governors in our “Wear it Pink’ day and raise money for a breast cancer charity.



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