



Headteacher Newsletter October 2024

Dear pupils and parents,

We have had a very busy start to the year, with lots of sporting events. Next half term will be just as fun-packed. Here is a reminder of some upcoming events:

Monday 21 st Oct	Harvest festival 2pm in St John's Church
Thursday 24 th Oct	Last day of term
Friday 25 th Oct	INSET (school closed)
Thursday 31 st Oct	PTFA Halloween Disco @ Anglers
Monday 4 th Nov	First day of term
Thursday 7 th Nov	Individual school photos
Thursday 7 th Nov	Oak class @HVC 'Fundamentals'
Monday 11 th Nov	Flu vaccinations
Monday 11-15 th Nov	Parents invited to lunch
Tuesday 12 th Nov	Odd Socks Day (Kindness Committee project)
Friday 15 th Nov	PTFA AGM @ Anglers
Saturday 30 th Nov	PTFA Christmas Quiz @ Anglers
Tuesday 19 th Nov	Dodgeball @ HVC Y5/6
Monday 9 th Dec	Whole school trip to the Panto at Buxton Opera House
Thursday 12 th Dec	Oak Class Dance festival @ HVC
Friday 13 th Dec	Christmas Movie Night (PTFA event run by staff)
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas dinner
Thursday 19 th Dec	Nativity and show 9.30am and 6pm St John's Church
Friday 20 th Dec	End of Term

Inset days ● Fri 25th Oct 2024 ● Fri 14th Feb 2025 ● Fri 23rd May 2025 ● Thurs 24th July 2025

Staffing

Please join us in welcoming Miss Hornby who is joining the Bamford Team in Class Oak as a full-time Teaching Assistant. She has recently completed a degree in Childhood studies and will be starting after the October half term. Mrs Grant, who has supported Class Oak on Mondays and Tuesdays will be leaving us at half term to take on more responsibility in her other school. We wish her all the best and thank her for her support.

PTFA

We have been extremely fortunate at Bamford School to have such an active and supportive PTFA. Over the years, they have enabled us to enrich our curriculum offer by supporting trips out and visitors in to school. They have also funded new resources in school ranging from new books, ipads, interactive whiteboards and outdoor learning spaces. In 2023/24, the PTFA donated **over £9,000** to school.

In order for the PTFA to function, there needs to be three trustees registered with the Charity Commission. Currently, we only have two (Chair- Bonnie and Treasurer- Charlie). **If we can't find someone to be the third trustee, our PTFA will have to dissolve the charity and stop donating to school.**

We are therefore seeking a third trustee for the role of secretary. Please contact Mrs Stoddart in the office or catch Bonnie (Skyla's mum) or Charlie (Robin and Rex's mum) on the playground if you think you could fulfil this role. Bonnie can explain the what's involved/answer any questions but it's the easiest of the three roles as it doesn't have any official responsibilities other than to minute the AGM and support the chair. We really hope this vital support for school is not lost.



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School Dinners

It is 'National School Meals Week' on 11th-15th November. Our school cook, Emma, would like to invite parents in to eat with their child/children during this week. We can seat a maximum of 6 adults per day. If you would like to join us in school that week, please complete the Form that will be sent out in the next few days indicating your preferred day. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served (no pun intended!) and charged at £4.26 per adult which will be added to ParentPay. Grandparents are welcome too!

Healthy Schools

Please send your child to school with a bottle of water (no juice please) that can be topped up during the day. For those who prefer to bring their own snack, please keep it healthy. No sweets, crisps or chocolate please.

After School Clubs

All clubs will continue to run next half term. Please complete a new Form if you wish your child to attend any of these clubs. Mrs Stoddart will share the Form before we break up.

Parent Helpers

We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents who have helped so far this year with various trips and sporting events. It really does make a difference by taking the pressure off other staff in school when you can help out with these events, and the children enjoy having their 'special person' help out too.

We would also welcome in any parents who can spare some time to listen to readers. If you think you could spare an hour or so on a regular basis to support school in this way, please let Mrs Stoddart know.

Sept 2025 Intake

If you have a little one who is due to start school in Sept 2025 and you would like to visit then please contact the school office to book an appointment.

If you have friends or family with a child due to start school in Sept 2025, please let them know they are welcome to contact us to arrange a tour of our school.

Kind regards

Jen Chapman, Deputy Headteacher

Kate Gemmell, Executive Headteacher