



4th September 2018

Dear parent/carer,

Welcome back to a new school year and I hope you have all had a fantastic Summer. I just wanted to update you on a couple of new things in school.

Lockers

We have had an ongoing battle with lost property over the years, and I know how frustrating this is for you as parents. We have tried all sorts of systems but we still do get piles of lost property! So this year we are trialling lockers for two of the classes. These will be in Y4 and Y1 to begin with. Each child will have a dedicated locker to store their coat, hat, gloves, scarf, book bag, etc. This hopefully means that children will get all of their belongings back at the end of the day.

We are grateful to the PTA for providing the funds to purchase the lockers and if they work then we hope to get lockers for all children in school in the future. We will keep you posted!

Behaviour

We have been having a think about how we can re-invigorate the behaviour policy in school. Behaviour is generally good in school, but we are constantly striving for outstanding which involves children taking a pride in school, children taking responsibility for their own behaviour and also supporting others without prompt. We have decided that we will be having a real focus on the positive behaviour that children demonstrate and really making an example of the children who go 'over and above'. We hope that you will hear your children talking about lots of examples of where they or others have been recognised for going 'over and above'. We will be making it really clear to the children what we think outstanding behaviour looks like and how they would achieve that.

We will also be taking the focus off the negative behaviours by removing the Ladders from the classroom. There will still be consequences for children who break the rules and children who choose not stay on task may be asked to stay behind after a lesson, have 'time out' of an activity or complete work at home. We will continue to use dojo and reading record books as a form of communication about how your child is doing. We may also give you a call or come and talk to you in the playground if it is more appropriate.

Heritage Project

We are looking forward, this year, to doing some work with Historic England and the local Queensbury Heritage group based at Black Dyke Mill. The aim is for all of our children to understand more about the history of the community in which they live. We will be doing a variety of things across the year to try and bring this to life for the children and hopefully parents and families will be able to get involved at some points too.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

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Headteacher