

## East Bierley CE (VC) Primary School

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### Upcoming Events

20<sup>th</sup> Jan – Aldi & Team GB Get Set to Eat Fresh Assembly  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Bradford Qualifiers – Cross Country  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan – Denim for Dementia  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Hand to Mouth RE day  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 3-6 Film evening (PTFA)  
March – Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal  
5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
5<sup>th</sup> March – Rec, Year 1 & 2 Story evening (PTFA)  
**13<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed – Staff Training**  
17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening

#### PTFA DATES:

27<sup>th</sup> April

All parents are welcome at PTFA meetings. It would be lovely to welcome some new faces and share some new ideas.

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to our new term and to a New Year.

**Young Voices** – We ended our week with a really special experience for our Year 4 children participating in the Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena. This builds on participating in whole class events for Nativity productions, whole school events, the Year 3 Big Sing with a number of local schools and it is a magnificent event performing alongside thousands of children. Thank you to all the staff who went with the children and those who covered roles in school to enable this trip. The children had a great time.

**Aldi and Team GB's Get Set to Eat Fresh programme** - We are pleased to let you know that East Bierley CE (VC) Primary School has been selected to host a Team GB athlete visit as part of Aldi and Team GB's Get Set to Eat Fresh programme. On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January the athlete will be visiting the school and speaking to children in an assembly about their experiences as an athlete, healthy eating and more. It promises to be an exciting experience. **Please remember to return the signed consent form if you wish your child to attend as the media will be present.**

**Sporting events** – early this half term we will be taking children to compete in the next round of the cross country competition at Cliffe Castle, Keighley. Velocity continue to work with us in school during our enhancement and enrichment, PE sessions and during two lunchtimes. This provides opportunities for competitive sports and for dance.

**PE in school** – Please ensure children have a PE kit in school all week including pumps or trainers. On PE days, children should have hair tied up and watches all earrings and jewellery removed.

**Denim for Dementia** – Following a PSHCE lesson with our year 5's where dementia was discussed, they wanted to do something to support people who suffer, we will be doing a wear denim for dementia day in school on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. Children can wear denim for a contribution of £1 which will be donated to the Alzheimers society.

**Trips and visitors** – There are more trips and visitors this half term, this week sees our Reception class on their trip to the Pantomime. Keep a look out for news of trips and visitors. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of January we have a whole class event with Hand to Mouth based on The Holy Trinity.

**Online Awareness** - Unico Live is a live streaming app with unicorn imagery which is likely to appeal to children. It allows users to broadcast live video of themselves over the internet. There have been reports of the app being used inappropriately by adults to encourage children to engage in sexualised activity. Other live streaming apps are also available and have similar risks.

**Stationery (KS2)** – Our stationery shop which is open every Friday in the hall from 8.40am-9am, where items can be purchased to replace any stationery that is no longer working.

**Easy Fundraising** – Don't forget easy fundraising when doing your shopping, DIY, renewing your insurances or booking your holiday! Support our school without spending anything.

If you wish to speak to us about your child, please make an appointment to speak with their class teacher or myself. May I remind you that conversations with staff need to be at an appropriate time and should remain polite and respectful.

Mrs L Upham – Headteacher and All the Staff at East Bierley.

#### Attendance

Our challenging attendance target is **98%**

Our attendance level is 95.88%

Late Marks since September – 280 **with Reception still having the most late marks.**

**Late Arrivals** – Our school opens at 8.40am and all children must be in school by 9am, we already have some children repeatedly arriving late. Late arrival at school means that children miss the important part of the day where school meals are selected and registers taken, this results in delays with starting work in class.

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**Photos on the website and twitter** – in order to keep you informed about school events, we would like to use photos on the website and twitter feed – we would not provide a child's full name as part of the post. Please inform us if you **do not wish** for your child's picture to be used.

