




November Newsletter

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<p>School Website</p> <p>The web address for our school website is now:</p> <p>www.peelpark.eschools.co.uk</p> <p>Any ideas for new pages and information that you might like to see on it should be sent to:</p> <p>head@peelpark.bradford.sch.uk</p> 	<p>DO NOT ring school to check if we are open or closed when it snows. My first priority is to monitor staff arrivals/attendance and they will use the landlines to call me if they are stuck or delayed. I cannot possibly decide to close or stay open if staff cannot get through to me because parents/carers are calling and blocking up the landline number to see if we are open or not.</p>	<p>Attendance</p> <p>At the moment we are very concerned about our overall attendance.</p> <p>Having said that, the children in Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 have good attendance (overall) this term, but, yet again, the attendance of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 is way below that expected nationally of children the same age and in other schools.</p>	<p>A letter was sent out about this before the holidays.</p> <p>Please see the school website, under 'Letters Home', for a copy of the letter or ask/see your child's class teacher if you have not yet booked an appointment.</p> 
<p>Poppies and Remembrance Day</p> <p>We are now selling poppies and other memorabilia to commemorate and remember those men and women who have died in conflicts.</p> <p>All our Y5 and Y6 children will attend the annual Remembrance Day service at Undercliffe Cemetery on 11th November at 10.45am. Parents and carers are more than welcome to join us for the short ceremony.</p>	<p><u><i>I will text you if we are closed and also display this information on the home page of the school website:</i></u></p> <p>www.peelpark.eschools.co.uk</p> <p>I always aim to do this by 7.45am.</p> <p>However, our aim is to keep the school open AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE so that the children can LEARN and families can continue with their normal, day-to-day lives and routines.</p>	<p>Please make sure your child attends school every day so that they can make progress and not have to 'catch up' with their peers.</p> <p>Remember! A child cannot make educational progress unless they are being taught in school. Children who have good attendance of 97% or better ALWAYS make better progress than those that have less than this percentage.</p> 	<p>Children in Need</p> <p>Friday 13th November is <i>Children in Need</i> day. We will be sending a separate letter out to let children, parents and carers know all about the activities that will be taking place on this day.</p>





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