

# Newsletter

September 2018

**\*\*\*Please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat with them each day\*\*\***

*Welcome back! We hope you had a great summer and you are happily settled into school.*

## Sky News

Many thanks for your co-operation over the past couple of days as the news report was filmed. I was contacted because of my role as vice-president of the National Association of Headteachers. (NAHT)

The report is about government cuts to school funding. It should be on Sky News several times on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September and then I'm told it will be on YouTube.

Across the country, small schools in particular are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet and are making cuts where they can. There comes a point when there is nothing left to cut without seriously compromising the welfare and learning of the children and the support we can offer families in our community. **Enough is enough!**

At Tuel Lane, we have 4 less staff than 3 years ago, we can't afford to redevelop the playground and we will struggle to buy new laptops and tablets when we need to shortly.

**I don't want to paint too bleak a picture. This is a good school, the building is well maintained inside and we are well staffed and well resourced. We are managing to keep our heads above water. It would just be nice if the government would accept that schools need a little more to do our incredibly important job!**

## Some ideas for homework.

Our topic is **Funnybones**

We'll be having fun with the Funnybones story of two skeletons and their dog and learning about ourselves, our bodies, and how to stay healthy.

As ever, these are practical ideas to get you talking about the topic.

Send any pictures, models or writing into school.

Your child will collect a badge and the work will go on display. Send any photographs to [head@tuelane.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:head@tuelane.calderdale.sch.uk) and I will print them off and display them.

Remember, homework at this age should be active and fun!





- Look really closely at the features on your face...down to the last detail. Eyelashes, nostrils, freckles, everything and try to draw or paint your portrait or a family portrait.
- You could use modelling clay or papier-mache to make a sculpture of your head!
- What do you do to stay healthy? Send in a picture of you and your family or friends being active or doing exercise. We'll talk about them in class.
- What do you and your family do to stay happy? Send in pictures of your hobbies, the things you do for fun.

- We'll be thinking about healthy diets. Can you design and make a sandwich with some great ingredients? Send in a picture, your recipe or instructions. We might try some out in school!
- Eat something...an apple, a sausage, ice cream, anything....can you write down 10 different words that describe how it tastes?
- If you know the stories about the Funnybones skeletons, have a read then make up your own adventure for them. If you write with your child, do it together, it's great for them to see you writing too!
- We'll be learning about our senses. Think of a place you know well or look at some pictures of different places. Think about what you can see around you, what you can smell, hear, reach out and touch.....and write some sentences.

Reading books, sound books and spellings will also come home regularly.

If you only have time to do one thing with your child....please try to read with them as often as possible. It makes a huge difference to their progress.

### Diary Dates

<p>School Photographs</p> 	<p>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October For a family photograph with brothers and sisters, come to school from 8.30am. During the morning, all the children will have their individual photo taken.</p>
<p>Parents Evenings</p> 	<p>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-4.40pm and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm-7.30pm Notices with time slots will go onto class noticeboards the week before. Please sign up for an appointment then.</p>
<p>Autumn Concert</p> 	<p>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am Each class will sing 2 seasonal songs. Parents welcome. Space in the hall will be tight, we will struggle to fit buggies in this time.</p>
<p>Achievement Assembly</p> 	<p>Fridays 9.05-9.30am All parents welcome to watch children receive awards for learning and good behaviour. It's a lovely half hour. Rabbit parents please note: they will join these assemblies later in the term; We will let you know when.</p>
<p>School closes for half term School re-opens</p>	<p>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm <b>TUESDAY</b> 6<sup>th</sup> November 8.50am, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November is a staff training day.</p>

### Nursery Places

**When we have spaces in our Nursery, our funding drops.  
You can really help us to spread the word.**

We have Nursery places available after Christmas for children who are 3 years old before 31<sup>st</sup> December for 15-30 hours per week. Session times are flexible and if families are eligible for 30 hours and sessions can be shared with HOPSCOTCH to give maximum flexibility for working parents.

Please spread the word if you know **anyone** with a 2 or 3 year old.