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Last week we held interviews in school for two teachers who will take up their posts from January 2010. The candidates were put through their paces by a panel made up of myself, Mrs Nutting, Mr Bennett and Mrs Clarke.

As well as enduring an interview with the panel and teaching a lesson the candidates were also interviewed by our School Council. All the candidates commented that they had enjoyed the long day, especially working with our children who were once again a real credit to the school.

The successful candidates were Miss Emma Davis who will be teaching Butterfield class and Miss Rachel Crolla who will be taking over from Mrs Driver who will be leaving us at Christmas.

By the time you read this letter the children will have met their new teachers. Both the ladies will be spending time in school over the next few weeks to prepare for next term and to get to know the children. We will also be arranging an opportunity for you to meet with them as early as possible.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We will be holding elections for the post of Parent Governor later on this half term. The schools Governing Body are crucial in ensuring the school runs smoothly. They are a very friendly group of people who meet approximately twice each term in school. If you would like to become a Governor then complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it to me at school by Friday 20th November. If you would like any more information about this post then feel free to contact either myself or the Chair of the Governing Body, Mr Anthony Bennett.

Children in Need

As I mentioned last week we thought the children could make costumes from recycled materials for a whole school fashion show. The wackier the better! I am sure we have quite a few budding fashion designers out there so let's see how creative you can all be. Please could the children bring a donation of money for the charity. The fashion show will take place during our assembly next Friday from 9:05 am. As ever you are all welcome to attend.

The School Council are also organising a bun sale which will take place during Friday morning playtime. They would welcome donations of buns to sell and will be selling them to the children for 30p each. Many thanks for your support with this.

Morrisons vouchers

Thank you for collecting these on behalf of the school. Mrs King has informed me that we have a very large collection of these which will help us in our quest to become even more eco-friendly.

We must send off the vouchers next week but there is still time to bring more in if you have some. Thank you for your kind donations.

Hockney class visit Keighley fire station

Well done to Miss Taylor and Hockney Class who were lucky enough to visit the fire station on Wednesday afternoon. They were brilliantly behaved and had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the parent helpers who accompanied the class.

School Admissions for September 2010.

Yesterday we held an open afternoon to allow potential new parents the opportunity to look around school. Mrs Leng has informed me that school preference forms will be delivered to school next week. If you have a child due to start in Reception class next September or know of someone who has a child due to start school then please ask at the office for a form. Alternatively the forms can be completed online via the Bradford Council website.

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If you were unable to attend yesterday's open afternoon or know of someone who may be considering naming the school as one of their preferences visits to the school can be booked through the school office.

Anti bullying week

This takes place next week. This theme will be a focus of assemblies through-out the week. Each class will be carrying out activities on this subject at some point during the week. Further information about this subject can be found at (website).

Library

Mrs Attwood has arranged from a member of the Library services team to help us to re-organise our library system. If you have any school library books at home please could you return them to school by Monday so we can ensure that all our books are correctly labelled. Could we also have any school reading books back for November 27th so we can put these in order too. Many thanks.

Handwriter of the week

As part of our School Improvement work we have introduced a new award certificate. Teachers are awarding children who are working hard to improve their handwriting by making this award weekly. Outstanding pieces of work are also on display outside Macmillan class.

Attendance award

Today we awarded our 'Attendance trophy' for the first time. Each week the best attending class will receive the trophy and keep it on display in their classroom for the following week.

Friends – Christmas Coffee Morning – Friday 4th December

From Monday 16th November each class will be collecting 'Bottles' (anything to appeal to adults and children).

Stars of the week

Bronte	-	Athena Walker-Clegg
Lister	-	Ellie Hollings
Hockney	-	Gabriel McCarthy
Butterfield	-	Eleanor Thomas
Devonshire	-	Teigan Uschakow-Metcalf
McMillan	-	Brittany Hudson

Handwriters of the week - Kiera Wood, Maisy McManus, Ciaran Bartlett, Euan Cameron, Rhianna Thomas

Lunchtime superstars - Lily Bairstow, Christopher Tate

Attendance award - Hockney

Enjoy the weekend

Mr D Burns
Headteacher