

# Tour of School



## The Hall

We have PE, drama and assemblies in here. Our assemblies are for people of all faiths and none. We also have our dinner here and people on school dinners and packed lunches can sit together. Sometimes when it is nice the school dinners have a picnic lunch and we all sit outside. Some after school clubs like drama and sports meet in here too.

## House Teams

We are all in houses named after animals. We can earn house points for good learning and good behaviour and we take part in competitions between the houses. The older children look after the younger children in their houses. All the adults are in houses too. We use the house groups to let School Council know what we are thinking and to take part in House Team Hobby Half Days where we do projects about health and wellbeing, fair-trade, global issues, the environment or community, charity and enterprise.

## Ms Virgin's Art

Ms Virgin is an artist who teaches Y3, 4, 5 and 6. We do art in lessons but we also have an after school club for art and also textiles or clay.

## Y5 and Y6 classrooms

Our oldest children have lots of jobs and responsibilities around school and in Y6 there is a residential to Robinwood Activity Centre. (The governors help with costs for families where it is tricky to pay for trips.) We work hard to prepare the children for High School both socially and in their learning.

## Music Room

You can have instrument lessons here and groups and classes use it for music, drama and art. All of Y4 learn to play the djembe drum.

## Quad/ Courtyard

A previous Year 6 worked with Mrs Dickinson to turn this area into a great outdoor part of the library and they all sign their names on a leaf when they leave.

## Y4

In Y4 our residential is to Bewerley Park. Mr Marshall also runs our football teams.

## Library

This is our new library that children helped to design! Mrs Swiers and Janie run our library and all the classes come in here to change their books, which you can take home. We have lots of books on all different sorts of topics and for every reading level and age. Book club and newspaper club meet here and there is space for people to come and work in small groups.

## **Cook It Kitchen**

Miss Corner takes groups of children here to do cooking. They cook things that we grow sometimes.

## **ICT/ Computing, Fizzbooks, Tablet Laptops**

Every class has an Interactive Whiteboard, a visualiser and its own computers, plus there are 2 trolleys of laptops, so we can use computers just like you would use pens and pencils in class. One trolley is for the 30 new tablet/laptops but we also have Fizzbooks, which are special tablet laptops you can use outdoors.

## **Y3**

Y3 do Forest School every week. They mostly go to The Ridge. Mr Martin also coaches the rugby teams.

## **Community Room**

Kidzone is the After School Club that is at our school. It is a private company but they work closely with school so they can follow up on things that are going on in school. They will help children with their homework and reading too if you want. (Pam: 07847 442492.)

We use this room for **philosophy** too. Philosophy helps us ask and answer questions. We work with Leeds University in KS2 to do philosophy.

## **Every Child Counts**

Mrs Woodley is an expert in helping children with their maths. We do this in KS1 to make sure all the children going up to KS2 are really confident with their numbers and talking about maths. She works with parents too on fun things to do at home to help with maths. She keeps an eye on children who have found maths tricky and she helps other teachers make maths really practical and fun.

## **Y2**

In KS1 the children still do quite a lot of their learning through play but they get help from the teacher to be really good at reading, writing and maths as well as all the other subjects.

## **Year 1 and 2 shared area**

In Y1/2 the children can play with sand and water and have a role play area linked to their topic, like a campervan for Home Sweet Home.

## **Water fountains, milk and fruit**

Children can bring a water bottle in to school and fill it up with nice cold water to drink throughout the day. In KS1 the children can have milk and fruit every day.

## **Conservatory/ Reading Room**

Children come in here to learn to be better readers and to change their reading books.

## **Y1 (and outside area)**

Children get used to Y1 when they come up from Reception because the teacher still let them do lots of choosing how they learn and playing and then gradually changes the classroom when the children are ready. They have their own outside area which they use for all sorts of lessons.

## **Fire Circle**

Our school is part of a Forest Schools project which helps children to learn outdoors and become very responsible. A Y6 class made this circle themselves with the tools they had been taught to use. Classes can come and do lessons here.

## **Nature Garden**

We have bug hotels in here to encourage wildlife. Children have to be with an adult to come in here.

## **Kitchen Garden, bike racks and Headingley Community Orchard**

Children throughout school get the chance to grow food and cook with it. We also plant flowers and fruit trees with people from the community. You can cycle or scoot to school.

## **The Playground**

Children meet their teacher on the class circle in the morning. We have a stage, football, basketball and other activities at playtime and lunchtimes. We have a buddy bench for children who are feeling a bit left out so that somebody comes and plays with them. Peer Mediators in Y5 and Y6 help us if we fall out or don't know what to play.

## **Reception class (and outside area)**

Mrs Black, Mrs Bennett, Miss Turner, Mrs Atwal and the other staff help children to learn how to be at school by making sure there are lots of fun learning activities to choose from and then helping them to understand what they are learning. Children learn to sit on the carpet to share books and sing songs and number rhymes. They learn to sit at a table and work with an adult but they spend most of their day being busy in all the areas, especially outside.

## **Pre-school and Children's Centre**

Pre-school is a private nursery, although a lot of little brothers and sisters go there and they work with Reception and the Children's Centre on things like the curriculum.

The Children's Centre is for children who are 0-5. They have lots of free groups and activities there and Family Outreach Workers who can help with advice and benefits, etc.

## **Front door and office**

Visitors come this way to get buzzed into school. They have to be signed in and wear a badge so we know who they are. Mrs Vollans sorts out the registers, visitors and money. She looks after our mobile phones during the day and she is also one of the first aiders who can help if we hurt ourselves and ring

home if we need someone to come and collect us. Mrs Koyuncu collects the dinner money for school dinners and sorts out music lessons and our volunteers.

### **School Council**

This is the board of our School Councillors. There is a chairperson in Y6 and a vice-chair in Y5 who is learning to do the job. They help with interviewing for new staff and make decisions about how school should be run. Every class has Class Council meetings which decide what their School Councillors should say on their behalf.

### **Worry Box**

There are lots of adults in school who can help if things aren't going right, but if you can't get it sorted out or something else is bothering you then you can put a note in the Worry Box and Mrs Whitehead will come and help you sort things out.

### **Mrs Whitehead's room**

Mrs Whitehead is our Learning Mentor. She helps children when they are finding things at school or at home tricky and she can work with parents and carers too to make sure all our children are happy and doing their best at school. She runs Peer Mediators and she also runs courses for parents. She is on the playground every morning so that parents can talk to her.

### **Mrs Maver and Mrs Mitchell's office**

Mrs Maver is the Deputy Head. She teaches in almost every class so that she knows the children. She takes the SuperStar assembly on Tuesdays when we get certificates for good learning and good behaviour and find out which house team is in the lead.

### **Ms Devane's office**

Ms Devane is our headteacher. She runs our school and talks to parents if they are worried about something. We can take good work to show her. Outside her office is good work that we are proud of.

### **Back to the hall**

Thank you for coming on our tour. Please ask us if you have any questions. We will get a grown up if we don't know the answers.

