



**Silsden Primary  
School**

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we finish our Autumn term and enter the Christmas holiday, I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work over the last 15 weeks of school. There have been many lovely and lively moments right across the school, both inside and outside of school - far too many to mention - which have really shown what a great place our school is, and how well it is supported by you.

I hope you have been looking through all of the news and events we have been posting on our Facebook page. If you haven't, please take time to scan back over the last few months during the school holidays and share with your family and friends.

The last three weeks have been very difficult in school, as there has been a lot of illness both with staff and pupils I hope that when we come back in January the germs have all gone and we are able to have a clear run of super attendance between Christmas and Easter. It is very important that we re-establish school attendance as a priority in the New Year.

One of the highlights were the responses given by yourselves to the parent questionnaire that we issued in November. It was heartening to see how positively you think about the school and believe in what and how we are doing things.

An area that we will be changing from January, following feedback from the questionnaire, will be how school communicates with parents, and the request/suggestions to reduce the number of ways and the number of communications that are sent out by school.

Therefore, from January we will no longer be using Dojo. There are two reasons for this;

- the first, being to channel all school communication through one place,
- the second, being to protect staff from the intrusive nature of an instant messaging app, where parents are able to message teachers at any hour of any day, requesting information and expecting a response.

From January 5th we will be sending ALL communication to parents through the Arbor app. We will establish a weekly newsletter which will be sent out on a Friday containing all the information that parents require for the upcoming week. This will act as a one stop shop for parents. Further communications or updates will continue and be sent through the Arbor app; however, these will be kept to a minimum.

The first of these newsletters will be sent to you on January 5th. Please make sure you have your Arbor app set up and your details are up to date.

Parents who wish to contact their class teachers will be able to do so through the school office - either by email or telephone.



School will continue to send out learning journey information (Videos and photographs) on Dojo for parents who have children in Nursery and Reception. There will still be the facility for parents to message these teachers to comment on the information that they have received about their children, however school is instructing staff to not to reply to any messages that they receive from parents on Dojo.

Parents in Nursery and Reception who wish to communicate with their child's teacher should contact them through the school office in the same way as everyone else.

Thank you once again for your support and encouragement of our staff and your children. I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends, and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on the 6th January 2026!

Yours faithfully

K.S.Russell  
Headteacher