



WOW - Walk to School Challenge



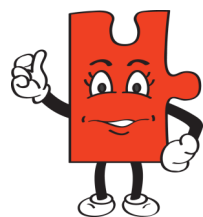
Throckley Primary has been chosen to be part of an exciting national challenge to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW is delivered by Living Streets, a UK charity which wants to get as many children as possible experiencing the benefits of walking to school. WOW rewards children who walk to school at least once a week with a special monthly badge. The school will also be providing fun incentives and prizes to help make the challenge of walking to school

more exciting! If you live too far to walk the entire way to school, your child can still participate by using the Park & Stride service at Sainsburys. Riding your bike or scooter also counts as walking to school.

We will be sending home more information about this new programme in the near future and we hope that many of our families will discover the following benefits when they walk to school:

- Arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn
- Improve the fitness of the whole family
- Reduce congestion and improve air quality in Throckley

LORIC - Introducing Laura Leadership



Over the course of this year, we have had a huge focus on LORIC in school. This programme helps us to support children in developing essential life skills that will help them both in and out of school for many years to come. Through LORIC, we have focused on the key skills of organisation; resilience; communication; and initiative. The final piece of our LORIC jigsaw is to focus on leadership skills, so we would like to introduce Laura

Leadership! We have purposefully left Laura until last and this is because all of the other skills we've learned about are essential to being a good leader! This half term, children across school will be exploring what it means to be an effective leader and will be given opportunities to develop this skill across the curriculum. Watch out for stickers and achievement points celebrating leadership and don't forget to ask your child about what it means to be a good leader and how we can all take on different types of leadership roles effectively!



Sunscreen, Hats & Water Bottles

Now that we are in the Summer Term, the children will be spending more and more time outside learning in our lovely school grounds. Please can you ensure that your child has a hat and water bottle in school each day and apply sunscreen in the morning before you leave for school. Thank you.

Attendance Report

Our target for the year is 97%.

Classes With Attendance Above The Target For The Week:



Well done to these classes!

Acorns	100%	Mrs Maddison's Class	98.9%
Rising 3's	99.2%	Mr Elliott's Class	98.9%
Miss Sewell's Class	99.4%	Mr Reid Milligan's Class	100%
Miss Little's Class	97.8%	Miss Thorpe's Class	97.5%
Mrs Wright's Class	98.4%	Miss Richardson's Class	100%
Mr Metcalf's Class	100%	Miss Williamson's Class	97.5%
Mrs Walton's Class	98.8%	Mr Brown's Class	97.2%
Mrs Brown/Mrs Stout's Class	100%	Miss Dockey's Class	97.2%



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Science Day in Reception



Our Reception classes spent a full day this week carrying out 'Understanding the World' science experiments. They used magnets, coloured film, torches, ramps, toy cars and ice to explore some basic science concepts such as temperature, light and movement. More photos are on the website.

Developments with SIMS Pay and SIMS Parent App

SIMS Pay

As of 1st May 2019, there will be a change to how debit and credit card payments you make using SIMS Pay will appear on the payment pages and on your bank statements.

Some of the payment services which Capita Business Services uses need to transfer to Pay360 Limited (also a Capita subsidiary) to ensure continued compliance with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) regulations. The regulations are industry-wide and this isn't specific to Capita-run payment services.

From 1st May 2019 you will notice the following differences:

- You will see Pay360 branding and company details on the SIMS payment pages.
- The billing descriptor on your bank statement will change from "CAPITA*ThrockleyPrimary" to "Pay360*ThrockleyPrimary".

Parent App, After School Clubs and SIMS Activities

We are going to be trialling the new SIMS Activities package to communicate with you about After School Clubs during Summer Term. The Activities package will be linked to the Parent App and will enable us to send out your club offers and receive your acceptances automatically. We will be sending out more information about this next week, but in the meantime, if you are not yet signed up for Parent App, please speak to the School Office.

Dates For Your Diary

30th April - 11th May	Year 2 Nat'l Statutory Assessment - pupils must be in school
6th May (Mon)	Bank Holiday
7th May (Tue)	Summer Term Clubs Begin
13th May - 17th May	Year 6 Nat'l Statutory Assessment - pupils must be in school
16th May (Thu)	Whole School Picnic - details to follow
20th May (Mon)	Walbottle Campus Talk for Parents of Children in Key Stage 2 - details to follow
3rd & 4th June (Mon & Tue)	Training Days attached to the May Half Term Holiday to help families with the cost of holidays
5th June (Wed)	Children return to school
5th June (Wed)	First day of the morning gate closure for cars (8.30am-9.30am)
11th June - 15th June	Year 1 Nat'l Statutory Phonics Assessment - pupils must be in school
12th June (Wed)	Class Photographs with Phototronics