



NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th January 2017

Stay and Learn

On Wednesday 25th January the children in KS1 (Year 1 and 2) have a stay and learn session with a writing focus. We can welcome one adult per child in to school to join in with a taught session in class. Due to the space available and the concentration involved, younger children and babies are **not** able to attend.

Stay and Play

On Thursday 26th January the Reception children have a stay and play family session with a focus on developing writing skills. This is a family event and younger siblings are welcome.



EYFS Staff

Mrs Ntim-Adjei has been in school this week getting to know the children in Finch Class. She was also involved in the successful appointment of a new TA, Mrs Samantha Jones who some of you may know from her current role in Noah's Ark nursery. Both Mrs Ntim-Adjei and Mrs Jones will take up post on Monday 20th February. Mrs Garner joined the EYFS TA team earlier this week and will be supporting Finch class in the afternoons.

Headlice

We have many cases of headlice in school at the moment. We recommend using conditioner and regular combing to keep nit free. Chemical treatments are available but often they only kill the adults and three weeks later the eggs will hatch resulting in another infection. Please keep combing every two to three days. For more information please visit <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>.



Reading records

Children are heard reading in their Read, Write Inc (RWI) sessions as well as one of their English sessions each week. They have specific targets they are working on to develop their reading skills. Please ensure your child has their reading record in school every day so staff are able to record the work they have done.

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for some additional volunteers to hear readers in school. If you would like to be involved or know someone who would be interested please contact Mrs Monk. As with all volunteering in school a DBS (disclosure and barring service) check will be required.

E-safety tip

Make sure any webcams or cameras on digital devices your children have access to are covered when not in use. You can use a sticky label or piece of blue-tac.



Maths at Home

Help your child learn to tell the time by regularly referring to clocks and watches. Try to talk about the time regularly and ask questions such as: Where will the little hand be at dinner time? What time do you go into school? What will the clock look like then?

School Closure

In the event of extreme weather we may have to close the school. Should this happen we will text you and ensure the closure is listed on the Gloucestershire County Council website <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools>. Local news sites will also be informed.

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