



## Read Write Inc. Badge

We are now proud recipients of the Read Write Inc. Badge Award after just one full year of working with the scheme. One of the scheme's directors told us, "Schools normally take three years to achieve this award, some very good schools get it in two but I am not aware of any other school achieving it in just one." Well done to Mrs Shores and her team for a magnificent achievement.



We are a "Get Reading. Keep Reading. Change Everything." school.

We use the highly successful *Read Write Inc.* Phonics programme to teach our children to read, write and spell. Our children do well in the phonics screening check and by Year 2, the majority are fluent readers with the best chance of success in the KS1 tests.

Ruth Miskin Training recognise us for teaching the programme with fidelity and passion – we know what it takes to make reading and writing pleasurable and rewarding for our children.

This badge recognises that we:

- Raise standards in reading and writing for our children
- Are all expertly trained by Ruth Miskin Training – including our headteacher
- Gain the latest programme updates through regular visits from our Ruth Miskin trainer
- Support our most vulnerable readers with extra one-to-one teaching every day.

To visit the parent pages on the Ruth Miskin Training website go to: <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

## Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment in the morning and is going to be late arriving at school, please can you call to order their school lunch before 9.30, or let the class teacher or one of the office staff know the day before. If they arrive late without pre ordering a meal they may be only able to have a sandwich.

## Home-Time

Teachers have been asked to ensure that they only release children from their classrooms at the end of the day if they see the parent or carer to hand the child over to. Only children in years 5 or 6 can leave school independently, and then only if parents have informed the school that they wish to allow their child to leave school on their own. Complications around handovers can occur when parents have arranged for close friends or relatives to collect their child. If this is going to be the case please inform the school of the arrangements you have made. Some parents choose to wait in their car for a child to meet them there.

Please do not do this because if teachers cannot see you they will not release your child from the classroom. If you wish to speak to a teacher after school please be prepared to wait until they have ensured children have been safely handed over before you engage them in conversation.

## Attendance

The attendance percentage for the whole school is presently 94.84% which is well short of our target of 96%. Schools with less than 96% attendance are unlikely to get a good judgement from Ofsted in the area of Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare. To achieve the target the average child would need to have just two and a half days of absence in the whole term up to the Christmas holidays. This may seem a small amount but it is the norm across the country. Thirty five children are below the 90% 'Persistent Absence' threshold. At the time of our Ofsted inspection that figure was less than ten. The good news is 72 children have above 98% attendance and 38 have 100%.

## Children in Need

Don't forget that tomorrow, Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, is Children in Need Day. Children do not need to wear school uniform but should try to wear some kind of spots, stripes or stars if they can. All donations will go to Children in Need. Thanks to the people who put money in the ceramic poppy, we raised £7.51. A limited number of Children in Need biscuits will be on sale for (at least) 50p after school. Please don't bulk buy!