



Dear Parents / Carers

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! Every fortnight this school newsletter will be sent to you in hard copy and electronically. In addition you will receive a Termly newsletter from your child's class teacher which outlines the Term's learning and expectations for your child. The end of year expectations for your child are published on the School's website which also features photos from daily activities in school. We aim to keep you posted of School events as regularly as we can, however, it is advisable to retain the **Bumper Spring Newsletter** as this will contain all the important dates for this term. This will be published next week so look out for it.

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At the end of last term we raised money for Children in Need and I am pleased to report that we raised £143.45. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause. Our School Council also raised funds through a cake break. They raised £85.45 and are now deciding with their class how this money should be best spent to support all children. Thank you to all of you who donated cakes and biscuits for this event. The carol services raised £202.50 and this money has been donated, by the church, to The Children's Society - a fabulous amount, thank you!

2019 - School Development Plan

As we begin a new Year and a new term our School development plan has been reviewed and our areas for improvement this term include;

- Introduce of **FAST maths learning** in all classes - please ask your child about their FAST learning and they will hopefully be able to tell you how we practise this! We will be starting this from next week.
- Develop **Alan Peat sentences** in our writing. Alan Peat's Exciting sentences are now on the school website under the Curriculum tab. The sentences are organised in stages. Stage 0 is the expectation for our learners in Reception, stage 1 is for our children in Year 1 and so on through the years with the expectation that Year 6 will be able to use all of Alan Peat's strategies in different examples of their writing.
- Widen our vocabulary to make our writing and conversations more exciting. We will be running a **Vocab Café to present our strategies to you on Friday 25th January 2.15pm.**
- Practise our handwriting and presentation. Every day all children will have opportunities to practise these important basic skills.
- Practise our reading and comprehension. We will be introducing a **Reading morning every Thursday in school 9-9.30am.** Each week the reading morning will take place in a different class with the focus on hearing children read and developing their comprehension skills. We would like to invite as many of you as possible to join in these reading mornings. You can attend every Thursday to support children in all classes or attend the session for your child's class as you are able. We thank you in advance for your support.

We have a new range of clubs that the children can participate in this term. Please see the booking form and return to school as soon as possible as many of these clubs become full very quickly.



Celebration Assemblies

We have been really pleased with so many of you joining us on a Friday to celebrate our childrens' achievements. Please note the dates of our Celebration Assemblies this term. We warmly invite you all to join us.

Fridays 9 - 9.30am

18th January, 1st February, 15th February, 8th March, 22nd March and 5th April

Reading Mornings and World Book Day

As stated earlier in the Newsletter we are introducing Reading mornings every Thursday this term in order to support our children in their reading and comprehension. You are welcome to join us every Thursday 9 - 9.30am to support our learners or just attend the designated session to support your child's class. Please drop your child off at school and then sign in at the Office for these sessions. Thank you for your support.

17th Jan - Pankhurst

24th Jan - Hawking

31st Jan - Curie

7th Feb - Earhart

14th Feb - Pre School

28th Feb - Armstrong

On **Thursday 7th March** we will be celebrating **World Book Day** and invite you to join us to a special Assembly at 2.30pm. We would also welcome any parent/carer to come and share their favourite short story with classes in school during this day. If you would like to come and read to a class please sign up at the School Office and we will contact you nearer the time with exact details.

Parent Cafes



Last term we introduced our parent cafes to share with you strategies that we are using in class to support your children in their reading, writing and maths. You will have an opportunity to spend time in class to see the strategies in action. These were well attended last term and we received many favourable comments from parents/ carers who told us that it has helped them at home in supporting their child. This term we will be holding cafes on the following dates and welcome you all to join us. We also aim to film these sessions in order to share them with parents/carers unable to attend the session itself.

Friday 25th January 2.15pm - Vocab café

Friday 15th March 2.15pm - Maths café