



Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to all of you who attended last Friday's Celebration Assembly and our Vocab Cafe. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

Thank you also to those of you who have spent time over the last few weeks supporting your child/ children with their Home Learning tasks. The children are really proud of their achievements and clearly enjoy spending time at home learning with you.

Home Learning Expectations

It is pleasing to see that the majority of pupils are accessing Maths Whizz and Accelerated Reader at home. I would like to clarify that Maths Whizz is scheduled from a Monday morning until Sunday at midnight therefore pupils should be completing 45 minutes within this time period. The impact of children completing their Maths Whizz and Accelerated Reader quizzes is shown in the progress that they are making. Thank you for supporting your children to complete these tasks. If you do have concerns about these Home Learning expectations or cannot access them due to internet/ Wifi difficulties please do not hesitate to contact me.



Our next **Celebration Assembly will be held on Friday 15th February at 9am**. After this Assembly the School council have organised a Book Swap. If your children have any used or unwanted books they can bring them into school week beginning 11th February and for each book they donate they will receive a ticket which will enable them to choose an alternative book.

We are holding our **Parent/child meetings week beginning 11th February**. We would like to share with you your child's progress and targets and we would very much like you to bring your son/daughter with you to these meetings. If you haven't yet signed up for a suitable time please contact the School Office.

A large number of our pupils currently have long hair and whilst it is lovely to have it does pose potential health and safety concerns in the classroom and at playtimes so please can you ensure that your child's hair is tied up for school. Thank you.

Can I also remind you that all children should have a **PE kit in school at all times**. There are still a number of children who are missing PE because they cannot remove their earrings. It would be much appreciated if you could remove their earrings on PE days or teach them how to remove their own earrings. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.



Don't forget that the PTFA are holding a **Valentines Disco on Friday 15th February.**



KS1 – 6-7.15pm

KS2 – 7.30 – 8.45pm

All children are welcome to come along. Entry is £3 per child. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day – 7th March

World Book Day will be held on Thursday 7th March. This year the whole school will be looking at the same book and will present their learning around this book at our World Book Day assembly on Thursday 7th March at 2.30pm.



We would like to invite any parent/carer who would like to share a short story with a group of children into school on this day. In order to work out numbers please can you let the School Office know if you are happy to come and read to a group of children for 15 minutes on this date. It would be great if you could share a book that is special to you or one that you remember from your childhood.

During the day the children will have the opportunity to read with a buddy and the adults in school will share with the children the book that they are reading and a short story that they particularly enjoy.

In order to complete our Reading Display that is central in the school it would be fantastic if your child could bring in a photo of them doing “ extreme reading”. A photo of your child reading in an unusual place would be fabulous to add to the children’s book reviews. Last time we had photos of children reading in the bath, upside down, in the garden shed..... The more extreme the better (as long as it is safe!)

We would like all photos to be in school by World Book Day and there will be a prize for the most extreme reader!



Online Safety

In our assemblies this Half term we have been looking at keeping ourselves safe.

Please can I remind you that the minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is **13**. For Vine, Tinder and Yik Yak it's 17. YouTube requires account holders to be 18, but a **13**-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission. Thank you for supporting us in keeping your children safe.

Governor visits

Yesterday we welcomed two of our governors into school to watch a variety of lessons. They were both very impressed with what they saw and wanted to share their thoughts with you.

“The lesson was buzzing, fast paced, challenging and rewarding and I absolutely loved witnessing it! I’m not used to being in classrooms but I really was so impressed with what I saw.” P Holland

“I really appreciate the opportunity to go in and witness it for myself, the lesson I saw was very impressive and I found it extremely rewarding.” M. Nicholas