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Learn together, achieve together and be the best that we can be.



Dear Parent/Carers

As we approach October, it is difficult to believe we have only been back at school for a month - September as certainly been filled with fun & activity. The after school clubs have all started really well, trips have been and gone, we have had several special assemblies and the children & staff are working really hard. (I am sure you have too!)

Reading

Reading is at the centre of our curriculum and throughout each day we are helping the children to develop a love of reading, as well as accuracy and the necessary comprehension skills they need to become efficient and effective readers. Improving reading also influences writing and success in solving mathematical problems and reasoning.

We know that the work you do at home with your children has a huge impact. It can be a challenge at times for busy families to fit regular reading practice, but to inspire you further to keep going, here are some interesting facts for you:

A child who reads at home for 1 minute a day at home is exposed to 8000 words a year.

A child who reads at home for 5 minutes a day is exposed to 282000 words a year.

If a child reads for 20 minutes a day, they are exposed to a staggering 1.8 million words a year.

Twycross Zoo

On Tuesday 25th the Enquirers and the Observers had a brilliant trip to Twycross Zoo. The weather was kind to us and we were able to see many interesting animals. The children were given a particular animal to find out about and are now working to create a non-fiction book about their animal. Highlights for the children were feeding the Lorikeets with fruit juice and seeing the Orang-utan baby.

Car Park

The onsite car park is for staff only. There are two car parks next to the school which parents can use for dropping off and collecting their children, however, these car parks get very busy and we recommend that you walk wherever possible.

School Payments

Due to another Branch closure, we are encouraging parents to make all payments through our school gateway system. We are working towards becoming a cash free school. If you require any help or information on setting up the gateway, please don't hesitate to contact the office.



Illness

We are experiencing quite a large number of pupils with Vomiting/Diarrhoea. We have also had a case of threadworm. We encourage hand washing at school at all times. Please have a chat with your child about the importance of hand washing to help prevent the spread of diseases. Please remember the **48 hour** rule if your child experiences vomiting or diarrhoea.

Contacting school

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office asap so that we can give your child the correct mark for their attendance.

GDPR

Your child will have bought home a Data Collection Sheet. We would be grateful if you could fill this in and return to school at the earliest opportunity. If you have misplaced or not received a form, please contact reception.

Nut Free/Allergies

For the Health and Safety of some of our students, please remember that we are a nut free school. Please do not include any nut or seeded products in lunchboxes

Dates For Your Diary

4th October - Parents Evening and Book Fair- 5.00pm-7.00pm

9th October - Parents Evening and Book Fair - 3.30pm-5.30pm

10th - 12th October Year 4 Castleton residential

22nd October - Year 4 Hindu Temple visit

23rd October - Individual Photographer

16th November - Flu Immunisations

Kathy Martin,
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