

Newsletter

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A big congratulations to all parents who enable their children to come to school on time and everyday!

Attendance is a key focus for any 'important visitor' coming to our school. So it is great to be able to say thankyou! This means our attendance figures have been higher than this time last year every single week since September—so let's keep that trend going!

To support this it does mean that for the next few terms we will be having a focus on punctuality at school. Last week alone we lost:

744 minutes = 12.4 hours = 2 ½ days of learning time!

The children have been spoken to about this and they have given me ideas for rewards if we regain those 744 minutes each week!



Exciting Visit

Alok Sharma, our local MP, will be visiting Year 5 on the 1st February to follow up from our trip to parliament in November.

Grandparents of Y5 & Y6

Silver Surfer Community group.

We would like to invite grandparents into school to find out about all the amazing things we have been learning in Computing this year. We will be looking at the skills both year 5 and 6 have been developing.

Please join us on the 4th February at 3:30.

School Council News

A great big thank you to everyone who supported the School Council Cookie sale at the Christmas Fayre. We are looking forward to the new term and hosting more yummy fundraising events!



Year 2—News

Year 2 have been on a litter pick in the KS2 playground, this is linked to our new book The Tin Forest. We kept a tally of how much rubbish we found and recycled any plastic bottles that we found. We thought about how we can look after our school environment to make it better for wildlife. Afterwards we wrote about the litter pick and described how we felt about finding so much rubbish.

Year 2 were also lucky enough to get the opportunity to join a live stream with the Museum of London. We got a tour of their Fire! Fire! exhibition, the curator explained all about The Great Fire of London and then we had a live question and answer session afterwards. The children really enjoyed this experience and were thrilled when the curator answered our questions about why the people didn't use the River Thames and what they did with all the rubble that was left behind.



SNOW - School currently plans to open as normal. For any school closures or updates we will text, put it on the website & let the local radio station know.

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 12th February 3.30pm-6pm

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Wednesday 13th February 4.30-6.30pm

Please make sure you sign up on the class lists

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2—classroom doors

Year 3-Year 6 outside main school office

Please make sure you attend to find out about your child's progress.



The Book Fair will be coming to school from Tuesday 12th February to Friday 15th February.

Term 3

Pupils return: Monday 7 January 2019 to Friday 15 February 19

Holiday: Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2019

Term 4

INSET DAY – Monday 25th February 2019 (no pupils to attend)

Pupils return: Tuesday 26th February to Friday 5 April 2019

Holiday: Monday 8 April to Monday 22 April 2019

Term 5

Pupils return: Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May 2019

Bank Holiday: 6 May 2019

Holiday: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2019

Term 6

INSET DAY – Monday 8th July 2019 (no pupils to attend)

School Meals

The current Reading School Meals contract is coming up for renewal and we would like to hear your views about what is important. This feedback and insight will be built into plans for the new contract, due to start in September 2020. An online survey is available until 28th February for you to share your views and comments

[School Meals Parent Consultation Survey](#)

Contact Details

Please keep the school office up-to-date with all address and phone number changes. It is important that we can contact you in case of an emergency. Our texting service only works if you supply the correct numbers.

Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March

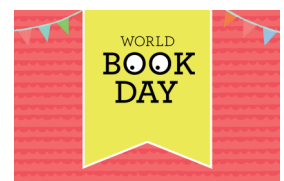


The school will be taking part in Red Nose Day. Pupils will be allowed to come to school dressed in something red and bring their red nose for £1.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character for £1. Lots of fun things will be happening, further information will follow.



February Half Term Holiday

February Half Term Holiday - Monday 18th –Friday 22nd February 2019

Inset Day - Monday 25th February

Return to School – Tuesday 26th February