



Weekly Newsletter - 'Everyone is an achiever' - Friday 19.01.24

Message from the Principal

This term is relatively short in comparison to the Autumn term, but that means there is a lot to pack into a short space of time! I would ask for your continued support to ensure your children are in school on time and as regularly as possible so they maximise the learning opportunities we provide for them. This also extends to supporting and encouraging them to engage with any home learning they are set including practicing their number facts and times tables on 'Times Table Rockstars' as well as daily reading practice.

Language and reading are so important to the educational outcomes of children and regular daily practice is key. I want to share with you a piece of educational research as evidence of the importance of children reading outside of school:

- A pupil who reads 21 minutes per day outside of school reads almost 2 million words per year.
- A pupil who reads for less than a minute per day outside of school reads only 8,000 to 21,000 words per year.

From that evidence it is clear the advantage to vocabulary and comprehension by reading regularly at home. I would encourage you to ensure your child is maximising their reading and exposure to new vocabulary as it is so important to their successful cognitive development.

'Theddlethorpe Reading Raffle'

Every time your child has read at home, please mark in their reading record. When they reach any certificate (bronze, silver and so on), they will receive a raffle ticket to pop their name on and put into a box. At the end of each half term a raffle ticket will be picked out to receive a small prize. More reads = more tickets, more tickets = more chances to win! In classes we are currently reading:

Reception	Years 1 / 2	Years 3 / 4	Years 5 / 6
			

Game Finder

Finding games for children which are appropriate for their age, which work on the devices the children use and the children will actually enjoy playing can be a minefield, particularly when parents are being bombarded with the 'but everyone else is playing this game' script!

Game Finder is a new and free service available from Taming Gaming which shows parents advised games for their child, depending on factors such as how old they are, what devices they have and what types of games do they like to play. The answers to these filters will then allow GameFinder to provide an instant list of recommendations of suitable games. <https://www.taminggaming.com/en-gb/gameFinder>

Save the Dates - Reception and KSI parents

On Monday 5th February at 3.45pm to 5.00pm we will be having an informal showcase of work for Reception children - Miss Marrows and Year 1/2 pupils - Miss Robinson.

This is not a parents evening but a time for you to see some of the work that your child/ren have produced. You do not have to book onto the event and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible. KS2 will be show casing their work later in the year.

Friday 2nd February 2024 - Whole school

Number day for the whole school. Non uniform day and all children to wear a number on a t-shirt, hoodie etc. Donations of £1.00 welcome for NSPCC,

Our communication to you.

Please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the school office for assistance. We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, and Facebook as we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Dates for Diary

- *Swimming starts on Tuesday 9th January for 6 weeks - Years 3 / 4*
- *Tuesday 30th January - Year 6 only - pantomime at Reynolds.*
- **Friday 2nd February - Number Day - whole school**
- *Monday 5th - Reception and KSI show case*
- *Wednesday 7th February - Chinese lunch*
- **Friday 9th February 2024 - half term**
- *Friday 15th March - Slime Science Workshops - whole school*
- *KS2 SATS start Monday 13th May*
- *KSI SATs start Monday 20th May*
- *Year 4 Multiplication Assessments start Monday 3rd June*
- *Phonics assessments Monday 10th June*
- *Year 6 PGL - 5th to 8th July 2024*

Attendance

Attendance Target
96%

Attendance this week
92.11%

Attendance this year
93.7%