



“Believe in yourself...Learn together...Persevere...Succeed”

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Newsletter Week Ending 23 February 2018

MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you had a restful half term. The children have settled back into school with a positive attitude to their learning. We have got a busy half term with a range of activities planned including celebrating World Book Day next week. This week KS1 enjoyed a Road Safety Magic Show and Years 5 and 6 were involved in a theatre workshop. We have also celebrated Chinese New Year with a special performance for the whole school sharing cultural traditions through a dance, music and martial arts display. The children thoroughly enjoyed this.

Unfortunately, there have been a number of occasions where parents have been rude and abusive towards the office staff. Can we please remind you that at **no** time will we tolerate rude, violent or abusive behaviour. Visitors behaving in this way are likely to be removed from the premises and prosecuted. The office staff are here to help and at times may need to question or challenge concerns about your child, including their attendance and ensuring their safety when collected late at the end of the day, so please be respectful at all times. We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and do not forget to prepare your costumes for next week.

Mrs Ballantyne & Mrs Knight
Associate Headteachers

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March with an ‘Extreme Read’ theme. We would like the children to share photographs of themselves reading in unusual places. Nothing dangerous though please! In addition we will all be dressing up as our favourite book character, and would like everyone to join in. We look forward to seeing all the different costumes!



DRAMA WORKSHOPS - PAYMENT REMINDER



A drama company will be coming to our school on Monday 26 February and Tuesday 27 February 2018 and they will run a series of literacy workshops. Monday’s workshop will be “Alice in Wonderland” for Year 4 children and Tuesday’s workshop will be “Roald Dahl” for Year 2. The cost for each child is £3.00. You will need to pay via ParentPay in advance. If you do not have access to the internet, please let us know and we will arrange for you to have a barcode letter issued so you can pay at a PayPoint facility. **If the money collected is not enough to cover the cost of activities, the workshop may have to be cancelled.** Please ensure you make payment for either workshop before Monday 26 February 2018. This is an important workshop to complement the work the children are currently studying in class, and will coincide with World Book Day on 1st March.



DROP IN/UNIFORM SALE



Please join us for refreshments next Tuesday in the technology room between 9-10.15am, to meet other parents, chat about volunteering opportunities and find out about events and clubs at school. Next week we will be selling secondhand uniform so come along and grab a bargain!

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

The Parent Governor Election has now closed and Dr Russell Kabir has joined the Barley Lane Governing Body. Please do not send any voting papers into school as these now cannot be counted.

PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING

Parents consultation evening will be held on Wednesday 7th March & Thursday 8th March. You should have already received a letter regarding this, please return the slip to indicate your time preference if you have not already done so. Thank you.

COLD WEATHER



The weather next week is forecast to be very cold with possibly some snow. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor activities—coat, gloves etc. If the school day or children's trips are affected by the weather you will be notified by text message, and up to date information will be on the school website.

DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 5 CHILDREN

Redbridge Drama Centre will be coming to our school on 15 March 2018 to run a workshop for Year 5 related to the dangers and benefits of social media. This interactive workshop will focus on the range of issues that arise from young people getting their first mobile phone. A letter will be sent to explain the details of the workshop next week. The cost for each child is £1.00. Please bring £1.00 in cash and give it to your child's class teacher. Thank you.



HEALTHY SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCHES



We still have some children bringing in chocolates, sweets and items such as cold McDonalds for their lunch or break time snack. Can you please make sure you pack healthy items in your child's lunchbox, and only send in fruit, crackers or other such snacks for break time. It is very important to encourage children to eat a balanced diet and to offer them a range of healthy foods.

DINNER PAYMENTS

A reminder that school meals must be paid for in advance. It is important that your child's ParentPay account is in credit. Cash is no longer accepted. If you have applied for Free School Meals please be aware that you will need to have confirmation from the London Borough of Redbridge and until that time, you will need to pay as usual.

DINNER MENU CHANGE



To celebrate World Book Day next Thursday 1st March we have a special menu. Please check the school website for further details.

REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL/ APPOINTMENTS

Parent/Carer's are reminded of the importance of reporting their child's absence from school. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school it must be reported before 9.30am on the main school number choosing option 1. This facility will allow you to speak with Mrs Kennedy, Attendance & Admissions Officer. If Mrs Kennedy is not available the facility will allow you to leave a message. Please state clearly your child's name, class and reason for absence. Any absences that are not reported will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please avoid making any appointments for your child during the school day. If this is unavoidable then you are required to notify the class teacher in advance and provide a copy of the appointment letter/card. If it is necessary to attend an emergency appointment the school office must be notified and details of the appointment shown on arrival. This is less disruptive for school staff and your child and allows your child to be ready for collection preventing any delays. Parents should not be arriving into the school office without providing any advance notice.

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for last week was:

93.15%

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance were:

Foundation & KS1 : 98.67% 1N

KS2 : 99.29% 4R



**Have A
Great
Weekend**