Newsletter Week Ending 2 February 2018

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

You should have received a letter this week with details of the candidates for the parent governor vacancy. Please complete the enclosed voting paper and use the envelope provided ensuring it is sealed. You will find the ballot box in the school office reception area.

All votes must be in by **Thursday 8th February 9am.**

READING LISTS - YEARS 3-6

To help you encourage reading with your child, we have compiled a list which will give you ideas on suitable and fun book titles, which may interest your child. Reading helps your child in many ways.

Because reading helps improve their vocabulary, communication, and grammar skills, it ultimately improves their writing skills as well.

Reading is essential to just about everything in life – from cooking to driving to just getting through school. It is important to start at a young age and teach your child the value of reading so they will grow to practice it often and value their ability to do so.
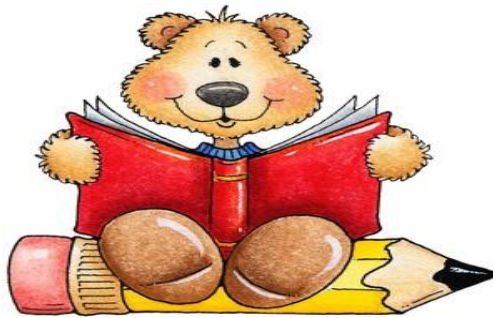
Please go to the school website for our book list for children in years 3-6.

Go and grab a good book !

YEAR 1 TRIP REMINDER

A reminder that Year 1 will be visiting the Ilford Islamic Centre at 50-59 Albert Road on Wednesday 7th February 2018. The children will be visiting in the morning and will be back in time for lunch . If your child is usually a home dinner, please let them have a packed lunch or school dinner on that day. Please return the permission slip and indicate if you are able to help on this trip.

CLASS ASSEMBLY— 4A

4A will be having their class assembly on Thursday 8th February 9am. Parents are very welcome to attend - please make sure you are on time, as latecomers will not be admitted.

ONLINE SAFETY– PARENT GUIDE

Whether we like it or not, technology and the Internet are firmly fixed in our children's lives. Use of the Internet can be a wonderful thing, opening up new worlds and supporting children's learning and development in many ways, as well as being a fun way to relax and keep in touch with friends. However, we are all aware of the pitfalls and dangers of the online community, we can feel a little clueless as to how best to protect our children.

Here are some ideas which will support your child's safety and well-being online.

· Set up parental controls on your home broadband and all Internet-enabled devices your child has access to.

· Password-protect all accounts.

· Choose the sites your child has access to on their account.

· Make sure your child is using child-safe search engines, such as Swiggle or KidzSearch, and activate 'safe search' options on other search engines such as Google and Youtube.

· Switch devices to airplane mode when your child is playing online games. This will prevent them from accidentally making in-app purchases or contacting other players online.

· Pay close attention to the age ratings on games, social media apps and films to make sure they are suitable for your child. (If you do not allow your child to watch a 12, 15 certificate film, you should not let them play a game with the same rating).

· Set your homepage to a child-friendly one.

· Keep all devices your child will use, in a high-traffic communal area in your home, such as the kitchen or living room. Be with your child when they are online and talk about what they are doing.

· Set rules for screen time and stick to them.

· Investigate safe social media sites for children.

· Sometimes children find themselves bullying or being bullied online (also known as 'cyberbullying'). Talk to your child about being a good friend online, and how our words and actions still hurt even if we can't see a person's reaction to them.

· Talk regularly about the importance of online safety, and about what your child is getting up to online..

Helpful links with more guidance for parents

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers gives information to parents in different languages

http://www.childnet.com/

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/ by the NSPCC has lots of parent information.

http://www.connectsafely.org/guides-2/ has downloadable guides for parents on how to use and setup safety features.

http://www.hollyparkschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/instagram_guide.pdf facebook and snapchat safely.

http://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/ has guides on how to keep children safe

https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=Cj0KEQjwv467BRCbkMvs5O3kioUBEiQAGDZHLxDjSkCGcapOT453sG6XaZ_b-kF9of9Rk8ntv-OH0vkaAkpg8P8HAQ has downloadable sheets for parents as a quick handy guide for supporting children at each age stage starting at 5yrs old.

http://educateagainsthate.com/ support their children against radicalisation and extremism

Here you can some more useful sites with hints about keeping your child safe

http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers

http://www.ceop.police.uk/

http://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=CjwKEAiAyMCnBRDa0Pyex-qswB0SJADKNMKALTLWL1gmdVP2Fw3zEgmfqbq2k1WTd11erAKsKoT0bBoCuubw_wcB

http://www.hollyparkschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/share-aware.pdf

http://www.hollyparkschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/snapchat_parents_guide.pdf

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for last week was:

94.85%

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance were:

Foundation & KS1 : 99.33% 2N

KS2 : 100% 4R