



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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NEW READING SCHEME – UPDATE & BOOK GIVEAWAY



As you all know, this year we are investing heavily in reading to ensure we're providing the children with a broad and rich range of texts to enjoy. If your child is not a 'free reader' they should be bringing home a new **reading scheme book from next week!** Well done, to Miss Lewis and the staff team for such a speedy turnaround!

Miss Lewis is inviting parents in to see and understand how the new scheme works on **Thursday 12th December at 6pm** (a letter is being sent home with your child tonight).

To try to add even more books to our school, we are entering The Sun's reading competition who are giving away 2,000,000 books to Primary Schools nationally! In hope of receiving 106 extra books (worth £600 - a wonderful addition to our classrooms) we need to collect a whopping 3,500 book tokens that will be printed in The Sun newspaper from November 23rd-January 18th. Please hand any tokens in to your child's class teacher or the office, and we'll see if we can manage to collect enough!

READING AGAIN - THE Y5 TELEPHONE BOX!





A few of you may have noticed the addition of a telephone box in the entry foyer!

As part of their community project, Year 5 are raising money to pay for the telephone box (*it was on sale at such a good deal that I had to buy it, but I am reliably informed that Y5 will pay me back!!!*) as they want to make it a Parkland's community book swap box linked to the reading garden!

To raise money, the children have decided they would like to pay £1 to wear pyjamas to school next Friday (29th November). They will also be selling some sweet treats (which the children are making) straight after school that day in the playground.

We will then fill the box up with books for you to enjoy and swap – you could always take them to read in the reading garden!!

WELLBEING



We have been championing 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' in school. This links to our focus on ensuring our pupils are provided with strategies which will help their emotional and mental needs now and in to the future.

The 5 ways to Wellbeing are:

Connect – make contact with people, talk and have fun.

Be active – keep active to aid mood and general health.

Take Notice – look around you, explore mindfulness.

Keep Learning – develop new skills and hobbies.

Give – help others, even in small ways.



Our focus this term is 'Be Active.' We have spoken to the children about the importance of being active and how they can do this even if they only have 5 minutes in their day! The children were set a challenge in assembly to share ways in which they have been active outside of school. We look forward to hearing what they have been up to!

CHILDREN IN NEED



We raised £281 for Children in Need! Thank you to all who donated!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



This year we will be having our Christmas Lunch on the dates below.

This will be carried out over two sittings on two separate days due to the popularity:

Wednesday 11th December for Years R, 1, 2 & 3 (Years 4, 5 & 6 to bring or order packed lunch)

Thursday 12th December for Years 4, 5 & 6 (Years R, 1, 2 & 3 to bring or order packed lunch)

A letter is coming home with your child this evening to let you know how to order and what to do when it's not your child's Christmas lunch day.



FRIENDS OF PARKLANDS

A big thank you to our FOPPS for organising film night!

If any of our parents work in a company that price matches, please do get in touch with our Friends group, or the school itself. Price matching on our fundraising would enable us to raise double, and we really need this if we hope to achieve that outside classroom space!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 6th December – 9.05am & 2.30pm - Reception Nativity

Thursday 12th December – Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 12th December – 6pm – Introduction to the new Reading Scheme

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16th December - Christmas Craft Afternoon (whole school) –from 2 pm in your child’s classroom. (We will have the reindeers at school from 2pm -4pm on this day, and the friends will be selling hot chocolate and drawing a Christmas raffle!)

Tuesday 17th December – 2pm & 6.30 pm/ Wednesday 18th December 6.30pm
Year 5/6 Christmas Production – (all details and tickets will be organised closer to the event)

19th December - FOPPS Christmas Disco (3.30pm – 4.30pm for YR, 1, 2 & 3; 4.45pm – 5.45 pm for Y4, 5 & 6)

20th December – School breaks up for the Christmas break.

Have a lovely weekend!

Here are some images from this week:



Football in action!



An autumnal Wild Walk for Reception





TT Rockstars – Maths wizards!!!



Volleyball in Y6:



Writing in Mandarin in Y1:



Parklands at war in Y5



