

Reaching Your Potential Newsletter

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Thank you for setting your bubbles free with us!

Thank you to everybody who joined us in September for our Set your bubbles free workshop. It was fantastic to see so many of you there and we know that your children loved working with you during the afternoon. We really hope that you found the workshop useful and that you enjoyed setting your bubbles free! The children are really embracing the growth mindset culture and are celebrating mistakes and most importantly learning from them. We know that if we change our mindset, we can grow our brain!

Thank you for your feedback about the workshop and remember it's not too late to tell us what you thought. As a result of some comments received, we have reviewed procedures concerning the crèche and we have implemented these changes at our most recent workshop.

If you have any questions about growth mindset or would like anything clarified, please speak to us at parents evening, pop in and see us or leave us a note in our feedback box in the front entrance.

Spellings and Learn Its

Thank you to everyone who attended our workshop last week. It was lovely to hear ideas about how you are supporting your children already at home and we hope we supplied you with lots of new and fun ideas to carry out with your child. Following feedback from the session, we have reminded teachers to ensure that incorrect spellings are indicated in children's spelling books so that you can know how to support your child at home. Please do come and see us if we can help you in any other way.



Parent Forum

Thank you to everyone who came to our parent forums about behaviour. We really value your feedback and will be sharing your comments with staff. During the next few months, we will be devising a new parent guide outlining the code of conduct and finding ways to link it with our Learning Behaviour targets to help make it clearer to parents and children. It was also suggested that an electronic method of giving feedback would be of benefit to parents. This is now available on the school website within the parent tab.



Parents Evening

Miss Short and Mrs Thomas will be available on Parents Evening in the media suite. We will have copies of hand-outs from the latest workshops and we will be on hand to show how the accelerated reader quizzes work for any Key Stage 2 parents.

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to Nursery, Year 2 and Year 4 for winning the summer reading challenge. As a reward, these classes will have a non-uniform day on **Monday 7th November**.



Dream - Believe - Achieve

Library

Reading is so important in all aspects of learning and life itself. We really want to encourage children to read as much as possible and have a love of literature. In November, the library will be open from **3.15-4.00pm** on a **Monday afternoon** and from **8.15-8.45am** on a **Wednesday morning** in order for you to come in and choose a book with your child to take home. **Please note: we will put posters up and send a flyer out to tell you which week this will be starting in.** We are currently in the process of reorganising the library and making it a more inviting environment to read in. We hope that by Christmas, we will have a more vibrant and welcoming library in which parents will be welcome to stay and read with their child before and after school on the designated days.



Can you help?

On Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th, and Friday 11th November, Mrs Thomas is looking for a team of parents to help her transform the library. This will involve moving, sorting, scanning and labelling books. Any time that you can offer is greatly appreciated. Please let Mrs Thomas, Miss Short or the office know if you can help and what times/ date. Thank you!

Workshops next half term

Date	Time	Workshop content	Suitable for
Tuesday 8th November 2016	9:00 – 9:30am 9:30 – 10:00am	Join your child in class for a Busy Fingers Open Session Phonics and early reading input from Miss Short and Mrs Thomas in the spare year 2 classroom Phonics – what does that mean? How can I help my child learn to read? Understanding phonics and using this to support your child in learning to read.	Oak and Willow Look out for flyers in November.
Wednesday 9 th November 2016	6:30 – 7:30pm	Repeat of the Phonics and early reading input (see above) from 8th Nov	EYFS Or as a refresher Year 1 & 2 Look out for flyers in November.

We look forward to seeing you at these sessions.

Miss Short and Mrs Thomas