

Reaching Your Potential Newsletter

February 2018



Firstly, I would like to say a very Happy New Year to you all. It is hard to believe we are already in the beginning of February. Time certainly flies by- especially when you are having fun in your learning! It has been a busy and productive start to the New Year. The children have come back with a really positive attitude and we thank you for all of your support at home.

Reading Volunteer Team- **JOIN US NOW AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Thank you to all those family and friends who are now working as part of our Reading Volunteer Team. We are extremely lucky as a school community to have so many people prepared to give up their own time to support us all to DREAM – BELIEVE – ACHIEVE. If you are interested in being part of this team, please leave your details with the office to be passed on to Mrs Thomas.



Feedback **Your opinions and ideas really matter to us!**

We value your feedback so much. Positive comments and ideas for improvements and future support are crucial to allow us to know what is working well and more importantly how we can best help our children and parents in moving forward. It is lovely talking to you all at workshops and during informal meetings throughout the school day. Please do remember that we have a feedback tab on our school website which you can use to tell us what you think as well as the feedback box on our reaching your potential display outside of the office.

A screenshot of the school website's feedback form. The page has a blue header with the school logo and navigation links. The main content area is white and contains a feedback form with fields for name, email address, and feedback text. A sidebar on the right contains a menu with options like 'DINNERS & MILK', 'ESAFETY', 'FEEDBACK', 'HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT', 'PARENT SUPPORT', and 'PARENT VIEW'. The 'FEEDBACK' option is highlighted in yellow.

Getting the best out of reading at home

Thank you to parents who attended the reading workshops on Monday 29th January. The teachers gave out lots of valuable resources for parents to use which we hope will be useful when supporting your child at home. For those of you who were unable to attend, we are intending to make the power points and resources available on the school website at the end of this month.



New Library opening times!

Thank you to parents who emailed me or left messages with their suggestions about when the library should be opened. I would like to personally say a **huge thank you** to Mrs Heritage and Mrs Buckingham who have kindly offered to give up their time in order to help us ensure the library can be open every single day.

The new opening times (**beginning after half term**) are as follows:

- Mondays after school 3.15-4.00pm
- Tuesdays before school 8.15-8.45am
- Wednesdays before school 8.15-8.45am
- Thursdays before school 8.15-8.45am
- Fridays after school 3.15-4.00pm



Dream - Believe - Achieve

Creative Crafts

It is great that three families have already signed up to Creative crafts - a family workshop led by HAFLS (Hertfordshire Adult and Family Learning Service) for Year 2 parents. This fantastic free workshop gives you the opportunity to work with your child and learn some fun ways work with your child at home. The five week workshop starts on Thursday 22nd February. If you would like to attend these sessions, please ask the office or Mrs Thomas for a letter.



The book fair is back!

Back by popular demand, we have the book fair with us from Monday 5th February until Friday 9th February. Lots of children have already been rushing to get their favourite book and we thank everybody for their support so far. There are also small items such as pencils and rubbers on sale too which can be purchased at the book fair or on **Friday 9th** as children can bring in money to buy them during school time. Please come and visit the book fair- every book sold, raises money for the school so that we can buy more engaging books for your children. The children have made their wish lists- please help us make them come true!

Opening times for the book fair

WHEN: Wednesday 7th February 3.15 - 4.00pm **Everyone**

Thursday 8th February 2.30 - 7.30pm **Everyone**

WHERE: Outside Mrs Elson's classroom (Year 2) in the school corridor



Books wanted!

Do you have books at home which have been read once? Do you have books which are collecting dust on the shelves longing to be read again?

We are looking for books which are in good condition that we can put into our book corners. We are also looking for comic books which can inspire our children and any interesting child-friendly non-fiction books. If you have any books which you are able to donate, please pass them on to your class teacher. Thank you for your support 😊

Workshops for after half term

Date	Time	Workshop content	Suitable for
Thurs 22 nd February	1.15-3.15	Creative Crafts HAFLS - 5 week course	Year 2
Thurs 1 st March		Come along and find out exciting games you can play	
Thurs 8 th March		with your child to engage them in their maths	
Thurs 15 th March		learning and look at our ICT resources.	
Thurs 22 nd March		Book quickly to avoid disappointment as this course is very popular.	

Workshops for the summer term

Thurs 17 th April	1.15-3.15pm	Story Sacks HAFLS 5 week course	Reception and Year 1
Thurs 1 st May		A free course designed to give you time to work with	
Thurs 8 th May		your child and learn some fun ways to use story	
Thurs 15 th May		sacks together.	
Thurs 22 nd May		Look out for fliers coming soon.	

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Thomas