



Reepham Primary School – 01603 870321

January 2024 Newsletter

Head of School: Mrs Caroline Henry
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25th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Brighter days are coming! This headline landed in my email box this week. I have spoken to many of you on the gate over the last few weeks and I know that we are all looking forward to a few brighter days! I think it is powerful to know that other people are feeling the struggle of January. We have a higher number than usual off school with illness, so it is also worth us remembering that our children find the winter months a challenge at times too. Please remember that you can talk to us. We have many options of support for our families.

I have spent time in all classrooms over the last few weeks and have been impressed with the increased focus from the children. Spring term is a point in the year where learning takes off and I certainly am seeing many children in my office with amazing work.

Governors spent a morning in school recently, visiting classes, looking at work and talking to the children. They were very impressed with how excited the children were to share their writing and with the standard that they were seeing throughout the school. Hopefully, you have been able to take the opportunity today to visit the class to share recent work with your child.

Coffee with Caroline- Thursday 8th February 9am

Please send a representative from each class. These groups have been very valuable and I would like them to continue.

Exciting Maths news

Hopefully you will be able to drop in and use the large Maths equipment that we have in school to celebrate Number day. As per the previous letter, EYFS and KS1 are invited on Friday 2nd February after school and KS2 on Monday 5th. We can't wait to see the costumes on Friday. As you are aware this day is organised by the NSPCC so we ask for a donation of £1.

We are very lucky to be part of the project offered to us by 'Multiply', a Norfolk County Council initiative. They are visiting school to offer parent workshops which are designed to help you support your child with maths. 'I was never taught this at school,' is a fantastic name for the workshops as I know many of us feel that maths has changed, and we want to be able to support our children in the right way. Please come along to the workshop for your year. It is possible for you to attend more than 1 if you have children in different Key Stages. They are completely free to attend, and I believe you will also receive free equipment to take home! Sign up on ParentMail so that we have an idea of numbers for the free equipment. Thank you to Miss Bursnell for organising these events.



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Well done to our stars of the month of January

Class	Inspire	Challenge	Succeed together
Puffins	Isaac	Coco	Thomas
Goldfinches	Elijah	Harlow and Eli	Teddy
Wrens	Lucy	Lily	Monty and Hollie
Woodpeckers	Edie	Finn	Jasper
Doves	Emily	Imogen	Olly
Toucans	Louie	Samuel P	Lumi

Please help us:

-Remind the children to push scooters and bikes safely until they are clear of school premises so that we ensure all children remain safe. Thank you.

-Double check the uniform policy to ensure children are in the correct uniform. We have a few cases of inappropriate footwear, jewellery, nail varnish or incorrect clothing creeping in.

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in raising attendance. We have been impressed with the improvements that we have seen. We will continue to hold meetings to see where we can support further. On this note, it is important that we also tackle late arrivals. We are happy to discuss support in this area too and will hold meetings for people who are having difficulties arriving before the gate and doors are locked.

Couple of things to look forward to coming up next half term:

Japan Week – Our next whole school International week.

World Book Day – Fancy Dress- more details of the day to follow.

Parents Evenings- appointment sheets coming next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Caroline Henry

Upcoming dates for your diaries (please be aware these may be subject to change)

26 th January	Celebration Assembly/Open Afternoon
1 st February	Year 3-6 Dodgeball Competition
8 th February	Coffee with Caroline 9am
16 th February	Celebration Assembly/Open Afternoon
26 th February	Japan Week
29 th February	Year 4,5&6 Non-Club Football Festival
7 th March	World Book Day
12 th March	Parents Evening
14 th March	Parents Evening
22 nd March	Celebration Assembly/ Open Afternoon
27 th March	Year 1&2 Adapted Sports
16 th April	Class Photographs

Don't forget, if you don't get a copy of our monthly newsletter you can access it via our website at www.reephamprimary.org.uk

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26 th April	Celebration Assembly/ Open Afternoon
2 nd May	Year 2,3 & 4 Tri Golf Competition
13 th May	KS2 SATS Week
17 th May	Celebration Assembly/ Open Afternoon
20 th May	KS1 SATS Week
3 rd June	Malawi Week
4 th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Tests
10 th June	Phonics Screening Week
10 th June	Yr 5&6 Hautbois Hall Residential
10 th June	Activity days for Year 4
21 st June	Yr 3&4 Tennis Competition
21 st June	Yr 6 Leavers Photographs
24 th June	Sports week
25 th June	Sports Day KS2 AM / Nursery, Reception, KS1 PM /Whole school picnic lunch
28 th June	Celebration Assembly/ Open Afternoon
1 st July	Performing Arts concert
16 th July	Yr 6 Play 6pm
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19 th July	Leavers Assembly 11am Y6 Parents/ Carers to attend. Early closing 1:15pm.

School Dates for 2023/24 Academic Year (may be subject to change)

Fri 16 th Feb	Break for Half-Term
Mon 26 th Feb	Children return to school (Spring Term, second half)
Wed 27 th Mar	Break for Half-Term
Mon 15 th Apr	Children return to school (Summer Term, first half)
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 24 th May	Break for Half-Term
Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school (Summer Term, second half)
Thurs 27 th Jun	Staff Inset Day
Fri 19 th Jul	Break for Summer Holidays

Please remember we do not operate by Norfolk County Council school dates.
Term dates can be found on the Reepham Primary School website