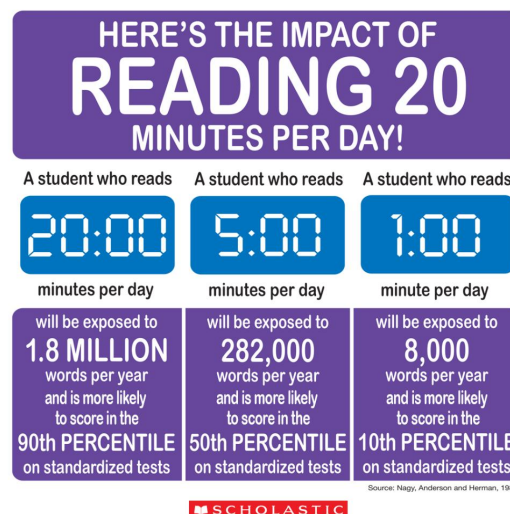




Happy Friday!

Hi everyone. After a **long** and **busy** half-term, we've reached the break. With the two Training Days we've had, it will be quite a long break so it would be helpful if you could continue to do a few little bits of learning at home - perhaps using some of our apps e.g. TTRS, Emile and Big Cat. Naturally, **children also deserve a break** as they have worked hard over the last **eight weeks**. Our '**little and often**' approach is one which you may consider. The image to the right demonstrates the proven **benefits** of **reading at home** as well as in school so this is something you may choose to do as well. In assembly this week, I talked to the children about **Halloween** and **Bonfire Night** safety. I hope you are all able to enjoy a safe and restful break and we will see you all on **Monday 6th November**. Many thanks, Mr Routledge



Start Time

After the half-term break, there will be a **change** to the **start time** of the school day for children in **Years One, Two, Three** and **Four**. During the pandemic, a decision was made to introduce a 'soft start' between 08:45 and 08:55 to limit the number of people accessing the yard at the same time. However, this need has now gone.

At the start of this school year, we trialled a change of the start time to **08:45** for our **Year Five** and **Six** children. This model has been very successful. It has **enhanced learning time** and made the **start** of the **day** run more smoothly. We have found that the majority of children are in the yard ready to start the day at 08:45 anyway and, by having children in class earlier, we are able to **maximise learning time**.

After half-term, for **all children** in **Years One** up to **Six**, the school day will start at **08:45** sharp. Children will need to be lined up in the yard by **no later than 08:45** when the doors will open. The start time for **Early Years** remains the same.

TTRS Workshop

A big thank you to **Mr Gray** and the parents and carers who came along to the **TTRS workshop**. This half-term, we have delivered **four workshops** and we have plenty more planned for the rest of the year. One of our big priorities this year is to **work with** and **support** parents and carers. These **workshops, induction meetings** and **parents evenings** will allow home and school to work together to secure the best possible outcome for our children. Next up, **Miss Dobson, Mrs Cragg** and I will be working with **Year Six** parents/carers on a **SATs workshop**. These will take place on **two dates** to ensure that someone from home can attend. They will take place on **Monday 20th November at 09:00** and **Thursday 23rd November at 17:00**. Please note that we will deliver the same session twice so you don't need to attend both.

School Photographs

A further reminder that the **school photographer** will be in school on **Monday 6th November**. Children who have **PE** on **Mondays** should come to school in their normal school uniform rather than their PE kits so they look smart for their pictures.

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Hope Centre

On Monday I popped across to the **Hope Centre** to drop off your **donations**. The staff over there were very grateful to you all for your support. The **collection** shown in this picture only reflects about half of what we managed to collect and it took **two full trolleys** to take it from my car into the building! Thanks again for all of your support - it makes a big difference to **families** who are **struggling**.



Poppy Appeal

With **Remembrance Sunday** around the corner, we will be selling **poppies** in school in the first week back after half-term. Children are welcome to bring a small amount of cash into school to **purchase a poppy** or a **poppy inspired item** to raise money for the **Royal British Legion**. We will mark **Remembrance Day** in school with an **assembly** and some work in class as well.



Attendance

Our whole school target remains **96% attendance overall**. Mrs Thompson and I are closely **monitoring attendance** and hoping to improve our overall attendance from last year of **93.45%**. Last week was an excellent week for these classes:

Year 5 - 97.78% **Year 6** - 97.42% **Year 4** - 97.33% **Reception** - 97.24% **Year 1** - 95.8%

Every half-term, we will hand out certificates for children who record **96%+** (Bronze), **98%+** (Silver) or **100%** (Gold). Children who record 100% attendance over the course of half-term will also receive a **prize**. We appreciate that it is inevitable that sometimes children are too ill to come to school but, hopefully, recording 100% over the course of a half-term is a **realistic target** to achieve over the course of a school year. Keep it up!

Anti-Bullying Week

We will be marking **anti-bullying week** from **Monday 13th to Friday 17th November**. The theme this year is '**Make A Noise About Bullying**'. On **Monday 13th November** children are invited to **wear odd socks** to mark the start of the week. **Odd Socks Day** celebrates what makes us all **unique** and **spreads kindness!**



Children in Need 2023

On **Friday 17th November**, we will mark Children in Need Day. Children are encouraged to 'Be Spotacular! Children are welcome to wear **something spotty** as part of a **non-uniform day**. If you are able to, we ask for you to provide a **£1** donation which we will send to **Children in Need**.



Halloween Raffle

On **Monday**, during assembly, members of the school council helped draw the **winning tickets** for our Halloween raffle. A big thank you to everyone for your donations for the prizes. This incredible cake was made by the very talented **Mrs McGee**. Well done to all of our raffle winners - enjoy your prizes! The raffle has raised around **£200** for **school funds**. This, alongside the **voluntary donations** for today's **non-uniform day**, has made a great start to our **fundraising** for this academic year. A big thank you to **Miss Wilkinson** for organising it all!

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School Discos - Years One to Six

Tickets are now available to purchase on the School Money App for the autumn discos.

KS2 Wednesday 15th November 2023 from 3:15 - 4:30

KS1 Wednesday 29th November 2023 from 3:15 - 4:30

Tickets are **£2.50** and need to be paid online by **Tuesday 14th November**. This includes a **drink, crisps and some sweets**. Children should attend school in their **uniform** but bring their **disco clothes** in a bag **to change into** at the end of the school day.

Little Movers

We still have places available at our six week **Little Movers** after school club for children in **Years One and Two**. We ran this club last year and it was **hugely successful**. The first session will take place on **Wednesday 8th November** from **3:15** until **4:15**. For more information, contact the **school office**.



Cauliflower Christmas Cards and Gifts

If you require a replacement design sheet these can be obtained from class teachers. Orders should be placed online and designs should be handed to class teachers by no later than **Wednesday 8th November**. Cauliflower uses your child's designs to create beautiful **keepsakes** for **family** and **friends**.

On the Menu

Please note that the one change to the menu below is that on **Monday, Option One** has changed. We will have **sausages** rather than the **chicken fajita wrap**.

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Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	♥ Chicken Fajita Wrap (CG, may M) Steamed Potatoes Garden Peas	Pasta Bolognese (CG) Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread (CG)	Pepperoni Pizza (M, CG) Side Salad Sweetcorn	♥ Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding (CG, E, M) Roast Potatoes Vegetables	Breaded Fish (F, CG) Chips Garden Peas
Option 2	Tuna/ V Cheese Wrap (F, CG may M) / (M, CG) Steamed Potatoes Garden Peas	♥ V Vegetarian Wholewheat Pasta (CG) Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread (CG)	V Cheese Pizza (M, CG) Side Salad Sweetcorn	♥ V Tomato Pasta (CG) Garlic Bread (CG)	V Vegetarian Sausages (E, CG) Chips Garden Peas
♣ ♥ Jacket Potato available every day with the following fillings: V Cheese, V Beans					
Desserts	V Homemade Biscuit (CG, may M)	V Pink Sprinkle Cake (E, CG)	V Banana Cake (E, CG) & Custard (M)	V Homemade Biscuit (CG, may M)	V Angel Delight (M)
Fresh Bread, Mixed Salad and Fresh Fruit available everyday					



FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES

Before choosing your meal, please speak to a member of the catering staff about your requirements

Celery C, Cereals containing Gluten CG, Crustaceans C, Eggs E, Fish F, Lupin L, Milk M, Molluscs M, Mustard M, Nuts N, Peanuts P, Sesame Seeds SS, Soya S, Sulphur Dioxide SD

♥ Healthier Option ♣ Vegan V Vegetarian
♣ Contains Wholewheat/Wholegrain