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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading at Home

At school, Read Write Inc lessons and Accelerated Reader are helping the children learn to be confident, fluent readers who love books. With your help, our children will get an even better start to their education.

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 10th Feb** – End of half term
- **Monday 20th Feb** – Non-Pupil Day
- **Tuesday 21st Feb** – Start of term
- **Friday 31st Mar** – End of Spring term

Children in Reception, KS1, and some in KS2 who have only recently completed Read Write Inc, really benefit from reading with an adult at home. This helps to improve their reading speed and understanding of the book. We don't have enough time or adults in school to read with every child all the time so if your child is not reading with you, they are not reading enough. It is a bit like when you learn to drive a car. If you only drive in your lessons with a driving instructor, it normally takes a lot longer. That is why most people get some learner plates and practice in a car with their parent too. Learning to read is just the same. If you can put aside 5-10 minutes a day on 4-5 days of the week to read with your child, you will see a huge difference in 6 months time.

When children are in KS2, almost all of them are using Accelerated Reader. It is even more challenging to hear children in KS2 read because of the amount of curriculum learning we have to cover. Children in KS2 will read independently at times during the week but it is essential that they also read regularly at home. This can be on their own or with a parent. This will help your child to make better progress and be ready for the next stage of their education at secondary school. We would recommend 10-20 minutes a day on 4-5 days of the week for every child.

If you would like any advice or support on reading with your child at home, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child learn to read.

Annual Consent Forms

Please click on the link below to update your family's information for school including our annual consents. We must have these on file for all children. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mzpQrKTWe1>

January Doodle Maths Challenge

Lots of children have been doing the Doodle Maths challenge this month to try and complete 10 minutes of Doodle Maths every school day in January. Every child that completes the challenge will have a treat with Sam Roberts.

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Good luck to all the children that are taking part. If your child misses a day, they are able to make the time up on another day so please don't give up. Doodle Maths is a great way for children in Years 2-5 to improve their maths knowledge so they are more confident in class and become better mathematicians.

Start of the Day

I know that sometimes I can be a little late opening the gate in the mornings. I will try and ensure that is as close to 8:35am as possible over the coming months. However, please don't come on site before 8:35am unless your child is going to Breakfast Club. That includes children who have walked to school on their own. Many thanks for your help with this.

Tea Time Talk Question of the Week

What colour would Friday be? What would Monday be? Why?

Have a great weekend,

Eddie Brown

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