



# Newsletter

## 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023



Basic Skills

Creativity

Emotional Literacy

Positive Contribution

### **Message from Mrs Bradbury...**

*Our autumn term is well under way and all classes are getting into their topics, developing their skills in all curriculum areas and gaining knowledge to help them remember their fingertip facts. By the end of next week, all children will have received their home learning menu for this half term and these are also available on our website. We are very much looking forward to seeing the creative home learning that is produced in the coming weeks!*

### **Reading**

*Reading remains a priority in school. Each week, we expect that all children should read a minimum of three times a week at home and record this in planners alongside their taught reading lessons in school. Children in REY, Clever Kittens and FS2 (until they can read their own books) also have a planner where parents can record the nightly story read to their child. Each week, we have a prize draw and one lucky winner receives a £5 voucher for reading three times or more. The class with the highest percentage of readers receives a treat. Our best ever total was 324 out of 336 children reading ... so nearly all of KS1 and KS2! This year, we are determined to get 100% of children reading each week. Please prompt your child to do this as practising often really does make the difference in building fluent readers. Children are also able to read at playtime and lunchtime.*

### **Tesco Tokens**

*Do you shop at Tesco? If so, we need your help! Our 'Back to Nature Project' has been chosen as one that customers can vote for with the red and blue tokens. We are aiming to further improve our wild outdoor space, increase the biodiversity of the area and create a vegetable garden. This project is to encourage children to be respectful to nature.*

**You can vote for us between the first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024.**

**You can vote in one of these stores:**

**3104 Rotherham Express S60 4BX Small unit**

**4505 Rotherham Extra S65 1HY 2 x large unit**

**5022 Brinsworth Rotherham Exp S60 5BS Small unit**

**5569 Fenton Express S61 1LH Small unit**

**6736 Rotherham Mrgt Rd Exp S60 2AY Small unit**

**6856 Marsh Bellows Rd Exp S62 6LW Small unit**

*If you (or a family member) normally shop in a different TESCO store, then feel free to bring your tokens into school and someone from school will go and drop them off in the relevant Rotherham store.*

***If we win the highest number of votes, school will receive £1500 from TESCO! Please help us to make this happen.***

### Collecting at Home Time

Where possible, we ask that the same regular people collect your child from school. If someone different is collecting your child at home time, please let the teacher know **in the morning** and make sure that your child also knows. Thank you to all the parents who do this – we appreciate it!

Whilst the office can take a message in an absolute emergency, it is incredibly busy in the lead up to the end of the day and in such a big school it is impossible to get around the whole school with multiple messages.

In the situation that children are regularly collected late from school, they will be taken to the Rainbows after school provision and a charge will be made for the childcare.

### Book Fayre

**On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Boggledy Books will be visiting the school. Each class from REY upwards, will have a time slot to visit the fayre.** The stall will also be open after school. (Although on residential that week, Class 13 will be able to visit when they get back on Wednesday and Class 14 will be able to go before they get on the coach.)

**The fayre is great value with £1, £2 and £3 books available.** There really is something for everyone! For every 10 books sold, school will receive a free book for our library.

### Purple Mash Launch Day

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, we invite all members of the school community to wear something purple to celebrate the launch of 'Purple Mash'. Children can choose to wear one purple item alongside their normal uniform or wear lots of purple. There is no charge for this event. This is a website where we have paid for each child to have an individual login. Every child, from REY to Y6 will have a log in as there is an early Years section. On the website there are lots of activities, games, books and programs for children to explore. Some of these will be accessed in school and others can be explored at home. Within school, classes will be following the computing curriculum on Purple Mash and using the other areas to supplement the existing curriculum.



### TT-Rockstar Day

There have been many requests that we repeat our TT Rockstar day from last year as the children really enjoyed it. Throughout the day, children will be taking part in a range of maths challenges. Younger children will be using Num-bots and older children will be using TT-Rockstars to rehearse maths facts and compete with each other.

This is scheduled for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Key Dates (new or changed items are in a colour)

Date	Event
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Collect from class
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y6 residential to Crowden
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Boggledy Books Book fayre - £1, £2, £3 books for sale
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Launch of 'Purple Mash' – Everyone to wear something purple (can just be one item or a whole outfit) No Charge
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photos
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day /TT Rockstars – a maths celebration No charge
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	October half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day
8 <sup>th</sup> November	'Go with the Flow' Wear colourful clothes/ neon colours to celebrate the life of Mrs Morley
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Bacon Butty morning
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks day – Anti-bullying week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need- Pennies for Pudsey
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Dinner FS2-Y6 Christmas Jumper day (Please bring in an item for the chocolate tombola or a £1 donation)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 3:10 – 4:15	Christmas Fayre in the hall and in some classrooms
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas break
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Winter Olympics day – wear sportswear or PE kit for some team events – no charge Bacon Butty morning
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	February Half term
19 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – dress as a character from a book – no charge
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day – school closed
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET day
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs – Please do not book a holiday during this week or in the half term before if your child is in Y6.
3 <sup>rd</sup> June – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Multiplication screening check for Y4 pupils.</b> Please do not book a holiday during this time of the half term before if your child is in Y4.
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y1 Phonics Screening Check.</b> Please do not book a holiday during this time or the half term before if your child is in Year 1.
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Break