

# Head Teacher's Newsletter



## **Safety in the Car Park**

We are trying to improve safety on site and it was brought to my attention by a parent a few weeks ago that the car park can become busy with traffic at the end of the school day.

We are working with the Infant school to make the car park safer. From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, we will not be allowing cars into the car park from 3:10pm. We will not be allowing cars to leave until after 3:30pm.

We will make it clear to any visitors in our school that the gates will not be opened during these times in order to keep the school site traffic free to protect the safety of children.

## **Special Educational Needs**

Mr Johnson has resigned in his role as SENCo and will now be teaching full time to 5JB whilst Mrs Blake is on her maternity leave.

Mr Johnson will retain the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator until Christmas. We will announce a replacement for Mr Johnson as soon as we have secured a new SENCo.

As I said in my original letter, Mr Johnson has worked in the role for thirteen years and helped numerous children and families in that time. On behalf of the school community, we thank him for all his hard work.

## **Improving Maths, Reading and Writing**

We are focussed on improving the outcomes for children in reading, writing and maths. We are working to improve the way we teach reading to children in order to ensure they have a good understanding of what they are reading. To help us to

achieve these improvements we are using Accelerated Reader. Last Friday, letters went home with the children with log in details and also ways in which you as parents can help use this software at home.

I appreciate this is a different focus for reading but let me reassure you that the results we are getting in school from using Accelerated Reader is positive: both children's reading ages and standardised scores are improving.

## **Attendance**

We have worked hard to improve attendance and we have seen a real improvement in November compared to the attendance data from this time last year. Thank you for supporting us with this.

We are conscious that we need to reward children with consistently good attendance so we will be inviting children with high attendance to a celebration breakfast in the assembly hall before Christmas.

## **Writing Moderator**

Congratulations to Mrs Drew who was successful in her application to be a writing moderator. She will work with other schools in the Local Authority to moderate their writing in the summer term.

The competition for places was fierce as 65 teachers applied for only 5 places.

## **PTA Events**

The PTA are working hard to raise funds over the last few weeks of term.

Their fundraising efforts are amazing and their work helps fund many projects for the children. Please support the Christmas Gift fundraiser in December.

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