



# Discovery Primary Academy



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## Aspire

### Messages from the Headteacher

#### Reading

Unfortunately due to staff illness our latest reading results are unavailable. Therefore year 6 will continue to retain the trophy.

**Please, please, please** do encourage your child to read 5 times a week. If you can read you can do anything. The more you practice the better reader you will become.

#### Discovery Discs

Many of the children have gained Discovery Discs in the last few weeks. They are given to children who demonstrate an act of kindness or treat others with respect. Children who work hard in a lesson can also earn discs. From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February Discovery Shop will be open which will enable children to spend their discs if they wish to or they can choose to save their discs to buy something bigger.

#### Numbers Day

Thank you to all the children and families who brought in some silver coins for the NSPCC Number's Day. We will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter.

## Discover

### Parents Evening

Parents evening is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Due to training Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Matthews, Mr Gordon and Mrs Nightingale, will be holding their parents evenings on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. A letter will follow shortly.

### Country Dancing Club



Our exciting and fun country dancing club has been running since November and is in need of some more dancers. We are hoping to take part in the Peterborough school Country Dancing Festival on the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to attend please *dohsi doh* to the school office for a letter! The club is every Monday after school until 4pm.

## Achieve

### Esafety weekly tips

Please see the link below to the NSPCC "net awareness" site with reviews on sites, apps and games that the NSPCC have looked at with regards to childrens safety. This site will give you advice on the sites, games and apps and also gives you information such as to age restrictions for the sites, apps and games they have reviewed.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/?order=title>

### Eco packaging lunches



As part of our school Eco policy we would like to encourage parents to eliminate packed lunch packaging as far as possible, as we work towards reducing our waste. We would also ask that when it is necessary for plastic bags to be used, that these are reusable. Thank you for supporting us with this.



## Head lice

There have been cases of head lice in the school. Can we ask that you check your child's hair as soon as possible please?

Should you find head lice, please don't panic! We ask that you treat your child straight away. There are many treatment products available and you can get these from a pharmacy or in the supermarkets. Treatment doesn't have to be expensive, please see the NHS guidelines below for wet combing:

*"Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first".*

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

In order to prevent head lice outbreaks, we would ask that long hair is kept tied back during school.

## Uniform Offer

We are running a polo shirt offer of buy one, get one free. This allows you to buy two polo shirts for £6. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please visit the school office with your child's size and the payment. **This offer finishes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February so please hurry!!**

Thank You

## Uniform

Just a reminder to all parents/ carers, please can you make sure you are labelling all items of your children's uniform with iron/ sewing labels or by using a permanent ink pen. If any are lost we are unable to replace them. Thank You



Peterborough Youth Orchestra

## "Overture to PYO"

*Working on the best-known overtures of the classical repertoire by Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Sullivan and VonSuppe.*



**When:** Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th February 2019

**Where:** Ken Stimpson Community School

**Who:** Orchestral instrumentalists grade 3+ standard

**Cost:** £30 (Free to PCYM bursary students)

**Sign up/More Information:** [musichub@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:musichub@peterborough.gov.uk)



## Wake Up and Read



It was so lovely to see so many children and parents at Wake Up and Read this week. If you would like to join us, to share a book with your child, you are very welcome. Please enter school through the main entrance from 8am onwards each Wednesday. Wake Up and Read takes place in the KS1 hall. We are happy for preschool children to come too if they can sit with you during the session. At 8.25, we will ask parents to leave school through the main entrance before the children go to their classrooms for the start of the school day. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Lunchtime Reading

Every lunchtime, children are welcome to read in atrium. We are delighted that over eighty Year 5 and 6 children have volunteered to become Reading Mentors. The younger children have thoroughly enjoyed reading to the older children. They have made a great start this week and are being such wonderful role models. We want to say a huge thank you to them all.