



Rettendon Primary School Newsletter

1st March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful week and your children feel well-rested. The last two weeks have once again flown by and we have enjoyed many events, from the Orienteering Day, Movie Night to the first attendance breakfast! I want to thank all parents and staff that volunteered their time and effort to make these events happen.

Class 2 were thrilled to find out on the last Friday of half term that they were the first ever attendance winners and enjoyed a feast of bacon rolls, toast and crumpets. It is so important for the children's education to achieve the best attendance possible and I am working really hard with the children on understanding the value of education. As a reminder to all parents, registers close at 8.45am therefore if your child/children arrive after 8.45am this will be marked as late. The gate will now be opening from 8.35am and will be closing at 8.45am. If you are late, please take your child through the front office to be registered. Thank you for working in partnership with the school to improve attendance and punctuality.

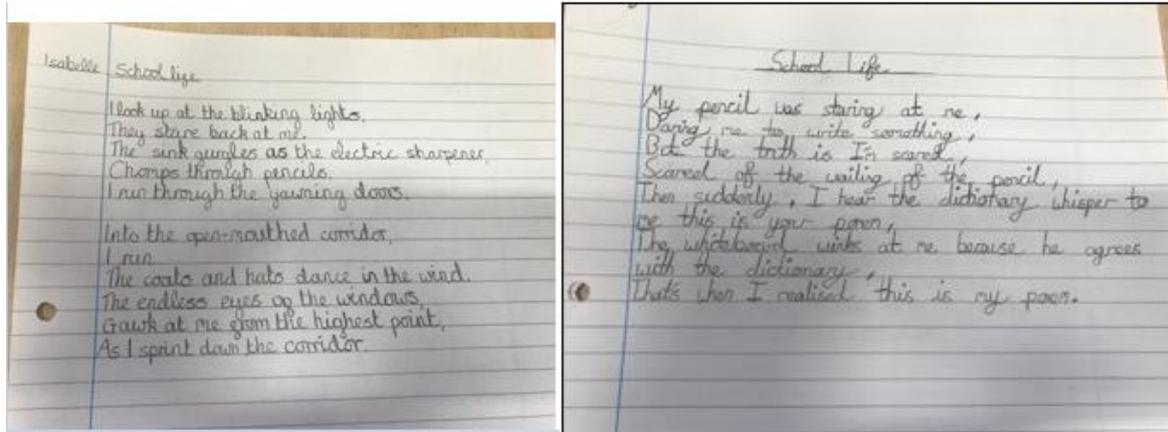


This month we are exploring the school value of, 'Honesty.' Today's assembly we discussed the importance of honesty within school, at extra-curricular clubs, amongst families and in life beyond Rettendon. The children are looking forward to seeing who will be the first to receive the Headteacher Commendation for the value of honesty.



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One of my favourite moments of this week was seeing some of the writing from Class 5. They worked really hard using day-to-day classroom objects as inspiration for their poetry – who would have thought pencil sharpeners and sinks could be so exciting? Look at the pictures below to see how they used personification to bring their poems to life.



I wanted to take a moment to write to parents on the matter of, 'MoMo.' Many children have become concerned about what they have read or heard on the news or through other children in relation to, 'MoMo.' I have attached a useful link for parents which gives guidance on what 'MoMo' is, the impact on children, the use of parental controls and how to talk to your child on this matter. Staff have led e-safety lessons on how to keep yourself safe online and I have met with individuals that were concerned to explain that 'MoMo' is not a real person it is an online hoax, I have re-iterated to these individuals the staff that children can go to if they are concerned in school, how to speak to adults at home and ways to flag/ report anything that causes them concern online. I would like to reassure parents that we have secure filters on school technology and ask that you monitor home use of devices closely. If you have any further queries on this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

I will be releasing a newsletter every other Friday, so please do check for key dates and updates on your child's learning.

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Kind Regards,
Mrs S Sloper
Headteacher



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A glance through Rettendon's window

Class 1

Class 1 have launched into reading, Jack and the Beanstalk. This week they have enjoyed planting beans in the garden – magic beans! Comparing and measuring beanstalks with cubes and the most exciting part of the week cooking! The children cooked broad bean soup and served up a delicious bowl to all of the teachers. They set up a mini bistro and all tasted their soups – some loved it and some said they preferred other foods.



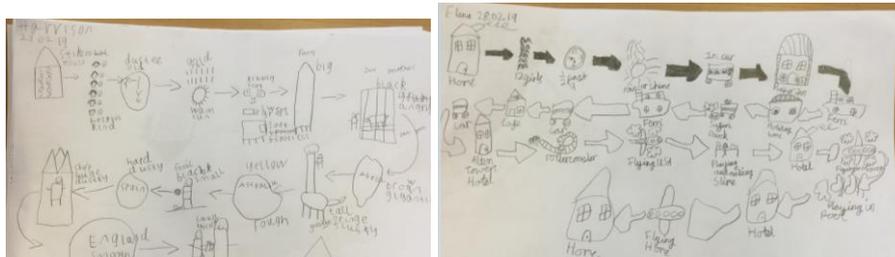
Class 2

Class 2 had the best attendance in February and were rewarded by having a breakfast kindly cooked by Mrs Lovett, Mrs Sloper and Mrs Langton. We have started our new History topic: The History of Transport. This week we made a visual timeline of old and new transport with Lego. Next week in RE, we will be learning about Shrove Tuesday and Lent. In Literacy, we will be reading poetry and writing poems with a partner.



Class 3

Class 3 have enjoyed working with Mrs Fallows and Mrs Wright to sort and describe seeds, identifying what the seeds will grow into. This half term we have launched a new English topic looking at stories from the past; we have used the, 'Madeline,' books as a prompt to create our own story maps. Look out for the finished products in further newsletters.



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Class 4

Welcome to the last part of the Spring Term. Children have been very busy from day one practising the play. I am very proud of how much they have achieved in such a short time. They are acting, singing, learning and having lots of fun! In English we have started our new topic reading 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. This week we are inferring, explaining, predicting, analysing and summarising the chapters that we are reading as a class or individually. We are going to write a newspaper report. Maths has been very spotty. We are learning how to divide using spots. Ask your child to show you this interesting way of dividing 2 or 3 digit numbers by one digit numbers. Next week we will be challenged with money. In our science topic, we will be learning about the digestive system - humans and animals. And finally, geography...is the earth flat or round? Very interesting answers!



Class 5

Class 5 have been looking at free verse poetry and the literary techniques poets use to engage their audience. We have been exploring the use of similes, metaphors and personification this week. The children have worked hard, writing some excellent verses using personification to describe life in school. The children have started a new topic in DT, and they will design their own healthy food skewer culminating with them making and cooking it. This week, they have learned what food groups a healthy plate consists of, which will help them in the design process.

In music, the children are enjoying learning to play the recorder and read musical notation.



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Key Dates

05.03.2019	Class 1 Meet and Greet
07.03.2019	World Book Day
12.03.2019	Fire Safety Assembly

School Council

“We have put forward our recommendations for playground equipment and hope to hear from the Friends of Rettendon in the near future.”

Ethan
Class 5
School Councillor

Other Notices

Please can I kindly remind parents that if you are considering getting your child’s ears pierced to do this during the six weeks holidays as due to health and safety guidelines earrings must be removed for PE lessons.

INSET dates for the 2019/2020 academic year

3rd September 2019
4th November 2019
1st / 2nd / 3rd June 2020

