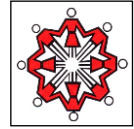




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Environment

Gardening Club and Eco Committee children have been selling the plants they have been growing in the garden over the last couple of weeks. There are still some plants for sale and if you are interested in buying them, please go to the school office.

One of our parents has introduced us to PlantSnap. This app can be downloaded from your App Store, helps you learn what types of plants you have around you. Once you have downloaded the app, take a photo of the plant flower or leaf and the app will tell you what it is. It's a great way to learn about plants with your children. How about you go for a walk to your local park and see what's growing there?

This week we have had the honour of a visit from a teacher based in Singapore. She came to see how we created a beautiful and bountiful garden in such a small space within a city school. The visit to our school was part of a wider visit to the UK looking at a school gardening and gardens. We hope we have been of great use to her.

Attendance

Leave in term time - Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 states that:
'If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school his/her parent(s) are guilty of an offence'

If you decide to take your child out for leave during term time, the absence will be marked as unauthorised and may result in a Penalty Notice being issued or legal action taken.

If the request is due to a family emergency, careful consideration is required as to whether it is appropriate or in the best interest of the child to miss school for emergencies being dealt with by adult family members.

We have, and continue to follow the Fast Track programme regarding issuing fines for leave in term time and unauthorised absences. If you wish to take your child out during term time you will be required to complete a request of holiday form which you can collect from the main school office. We will also need a copy of travel tickets and an explanation for travel.

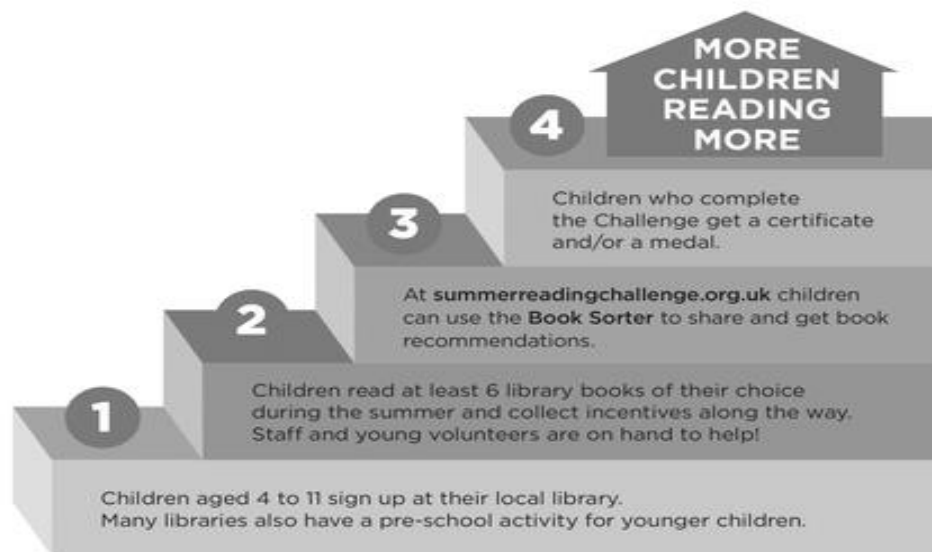


SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the long summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free and last year 699,076 children took part in libraries across the UK.

Every year the Challenge has a new theme. The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is **Space Chase**, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!



We will be introducing the Summer Reading Challenge to children during assemblies, so come along and find out more about how to support your child's reading during the long summer holiday!

Year 1 assembly - Wednesday 3rd July

Year 2 assembly - Wednesday 10th July

Year 3 assembly - Thursday 11th July

All children, including Reception and Nursery will bring home a letter too, telling you more about it.

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER TERM ON
THURSDAY 18TH JULY AT 12.45PM**