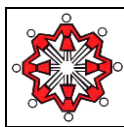


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FOODBANK

Thank you to all parents who have donated to the foodbank. Your support is greatly appreciated. We can accept further donations on **Friday morning only**.



DODFORD FARM TRIP

This week a group of Year Two children visited Dodford Children's Holiday Farm. They stayed for three nights and did many activities including riding a donkey, pond dipping, den building and woodland walks. The children had a wonderful time and really enjoyed everything they experienced. We would like to thank all the parents that allowed their children to attend this valuable educational visit.

GOVERNORS SPOT

Governors have started their meetings for this year and are looking very closely at Strategy. It is the Governing Board's responsibility to support the school in its vision for the future.

Vacancies – we are still looking for one parent and one co-opted governor. If you are interested or know someone that might be, please come to the school office for further information. You can also visit the National Governors Association website at www.nga.org.uk for details on becoming a governor.

AUTUMN HOLIDAYS

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 21st October and will re-open on Monday 31st October at 8.45am.

ADMISSION

We have school places available in Nursery, Reception and Year One. If you are interested, please speak to the office staff.

NURSERY

Our topic this term is 'Food'. Please help your child to learn the name of different types of food and to enjoy tasting different food. Nursery will be starting PE after half term, please help your child to take off and put on their shoes and socks by themselves.

There are now limited spaces for the Nursery trip to Winter Wonderland at the Snow Dome. If you would like to go with your child, please let your child's key worker know as soon as possible.

RECEPTION

Thank you for all your support this half term, the children have settled in well and have had a fantastic time learning all about food. Next half term, our topic is space and we will have a visit from the mobile planetarium to get our topic off to an exciting start. Reception will be learning space facts and reading 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.

YEAR ONE

Thank you to all the parents who have helped Year One settle in so well. We have had a wonderful half term and look forward to next term. Our topic will be about things that live under the sea with a fun art day (31st October) when we return from the holiday. We are also looking forward to our cinema trip, please pay your £4.00 if you have not done so! Thank you to all the parents who have paid. The children are really enjoying new folders to put their homework in. Spelling tests are usually on a Monday.

YEAR TWO

Our topic this half term is 'Fire and Ice'. To start the topic, the children will be having an interactive theatre session where they be learning about 'The Great Fire of London'.

In Maths, the children will be practising using different forms of measures as well as how to collect data. Year Two will also be learning the story 'George and the Dragon' and then changing aspects of it. Please continue supporting to change books, complete homework and spellings.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Parents, remember First Aid classes will take place on 22nd and 23rd November. If you require further information, please speak to Syra Butler in the community room.
- Knit and Natter takes place every Wednesday, please come and join us.
- Extra ESOL classes starting after the holidays every Thursday morning with external tutor.
- Family literacy workshops starting soon for Year One 'Talk for Writing'
- Watch out for Parent Council dates.