



## Diary Dates

### Monday 15 November

Road Safety Week

Anti-Bullying Week

### Wednesday 17 November

Year 3 visit to St George's Hall

Parent's Evening 2-6pm

### Friday 19 November

Children in Need—Odd Socks Day

### Friday 10 December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

### Monday 13 December

Nativity Performance 1 (2pm)

### Tuesday 14 December

Nativity Performance 2 (9.15am)

### Wednesday 15 December

Nativity Performance 3 (9.15am)

### Friday 17 December

School closes for Christmas holidays

### Tuesday 4 January

School re-opens after Christmas holidays



### Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will take place on **Wednesday 17 November, 2-6pm**. We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents on site. Consultations will take place in your child's classroom and a team of helpful Year 6 pupils will be on hand to accompany parents and carers to the right classrooms!

Letters containing further information were sent out last week. Please contact the school office if you would like a replacement letter to be sent home.

*Please note that, should we need to amend our risk assessment, consultations may be required to take place via telephone.*

### Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is **free of charge** and is open to ALL pupils from 7.45am-8.15am each weekday.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB



The club is supervised by Mrs Dobson and Miss Vincent and pupils have access to a range of high quality games, activities and interactive resources. A wide of different breakfasts are available, including cereal, toast, crumpets, pancakes, brioche, waffles, fruit teacakes, yoghurts and bagels.



### Headteacher's Message



Last half term was an extremely busy one! We are proud of how well the children settled into a new academic year and are already demonstrating their skills as mature learners.

This newsletter contains some important information regarding reading.

Reading is one of life's most essential skills. At Worth Valley Primary School it is our intention that all children will develop a love of books, enthusiasm for promoting their reading skills and grow to be confident, competent readers. As a parent or carer, you play a vital role in supporting your child's reading development. Partnership between home and school is essential for success with this life skill.

Your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book which comes home from school. Reading is happening all the time in our classrooms and across school. It is taught in English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

### Banded books

The book your child brings home is colour-coded according to the book band they are currently working at. This is determined using 'benchmarking', which assesses instructional and independent reading levels using unseen and meaningful texts. These reading levels are then matched up to the appropriate reading band using our school reading scheme. Therefore, children may bring home a different level to which they were previously on and some children may find that they need to re-read books they have brought home before. This is necessary as the focus of the Reading National Curriculum is about inferring author's intent rather than moving through bands at a fast pace.



### Reading Championship

In order to support pupils as effectively as possible in becoming fluent readers and develop a sound understanding of the books they read, we have reviewed our reading championship and made the following amendment:

**In Reception and Key Stage 1, pupils will be rewarded according to the number of occasions they read at home, as opposed to the number of books they read. Your child will therefore earn their bronze badge once they have read at home 20 times, rather than once they have read 20 books.**

In Key Stage 2, pupils will continue to earn badges for the number of books they read. The criteria for each badge is over the page.

## Reception and Key Stage 1:

Bronze	20 times
Silver	40 times
Gold	60 times
Reading Ambassador Shield	80 times
Trophy	100 times
Book (of pupil's choice)	120 times
Visit to local book shop	140 times

## Key Stage 2:

Bronze	15 books
Silver	30 books
Gold	45 books
Reading Ambassador Shield	60 books
Trophy	75 books
Book (of pupil's choice)	90 books
Visit to local book shop	105 books

## Library Books

From nextweek, your child will bring home a library book which they have selected to read and enjoy at home. **This book is for you to read to your child.** Books will be changed weekly on a designated day – however a book can be kept for a fortnight if you and your child wish to spend a little more time reading it.

## How can parents support children?

You can support your child's reading journey through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school.

Here are some tips for reading with your child at home:

1. Make time to read- even ten minutes a day.
2. Choose different types of books.
3. Take turns to read.
4. Talk about the book- asking your child questions.
5. Visit the local library together and enjoy book-talk about your favourite texts.
6. Read comics

## Attendance data for the last three weeks is as follows:

w/c 11 October 2021		w/c 18 October 2021		w/c 1 November 2021	
Reception	86.3%	Reception	93.9%	Reception	93.6%
Year 1	91.6%	Year 1	87.1%	Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	94.2%	Year 2	97.4%	Year 2	92.9%
Year 3	93.9%	Year 3	93.2%	Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	95.0%	Year 4	93.1%	Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	94.7%	Year 5	88.4%	Year 5	91.5%
Year 6	94.4%	Year 6	88.3%	Year 6	94.7%

## When should my child return to school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*	

## Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available to buy from the school office next week in return for a donation of your choice to the Royal British Legion.

