



# RECREATION ROAD INFANT SCHOOL

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## November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope that you are all ready and raring to go as we have lots of exciting events coming up over the next two months. Find out more below.

Miss Mattock

### A Plea for Help

We currently have a fantastic PTA. However, the PTA is a very small team and could be under threat of ending if more members are not found. Our PTA raise valuable funds for a whole range of things from huge projects such as our Climate Classroom, to providing Christmas treats and class resources for the children.

They organise and lead a number of events from the Christmas Hamper raffle to the epic summer fete.

Without them our children and families would miss out on some great events and lovely resources.

They desperately need new members to support if they are going to be able to continue with the amazing work. If you are willing and able to support in any way, please contact them for more details.

**TREASURER STILL REQUIRED – Please contact the PTA to find out more.**

[recroadpta@gmail.com](mailto:recroadpta@gmail.com)



### Reminders and Thanks

- Thank you to the PTA for their hard work on organising the cake sale and thank you to all of you that bought cakes, raising valuable funds for our school.
- Thank you for your fantastic efforts at arriving in school by 9am. This has had a beneficial impact on the children being able to have a positive start to the day. However, there is still a lot of traffic coming in via the office after 9am which does unsettle some children, so we ask politely that you please try to minimise this.
- At Recreation Road we very much value physical education and do not want children to miss out. However, staff are unable to remove or cover earrings in school. Please remember to remove earrings on PE days, or where they are still healing, pop tape over the top of them. This follows guidance given by AFPE Safe Practise in Physical Education and Sport. Please ask a member of your class team if you need further information.



*Building strong foundations for a lifelong love of learning*



## Termly School Improvement Plan (TSIP) Update

The staff and pupils are very pleased and impressed with the progress made towards our TSIP goals.

### So far, we have been:

Embedding the mnemonics that go alongside our letters, helping us to form them correctly.

Using our think pink approach to review and improve our work.

Writing in context for a purpose, promoting engagement and motivation.

Using year group specific curriculum expectations to promote high expectations.

Offering targeted support for children where required, including a range of scaffolding resources such as sentence stems, sound mats and word banks.

### Our next steps are:

To create WAGOLLs (What a good one looks like) to share so we can borrow ideas from each other.

Working together to edit and improve our writing.

Raising the profile of writing by sharing it with others.

Displaying writing around the school to ensure that effort is recognised and celebrated.

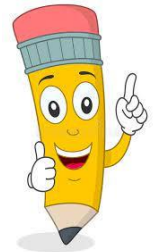
### How you can get involved:

We will be holding a number of events this half term including show and share, phonics live sessions and parents' evenings. These will offer many opportunities to celebrate writing with the children, learn alongside them and to discover what you could do at home.

You should also have received your TSIP letter with further information.

If you would like any ideas for home, please ask your child's class teacher who would be more than happy to share ideas and resources with you.

We recognise that for some children writing can be challenging. However, our aim is to improve children's skill and engagement as writers by developing self-confidence, encouraging them to take pride in their work and therefore ensuring that pupils develop a love of writing, and want to do it more and to the best of their ability.



### Special thanks to:

Ms Hyde and Mrs Manning for going above and beyond to move our school library into an improved location and for organising the books to help pupils find what they would like more easily.

## Diary Dates

### Parents evening week

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Please book you appointment via the School Cloud.



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Open Day for prospective Reception Families – call the office to make an appointment

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Wear spots for Children in Need.

### Phonics Live Sessions in Classrooms

Reception – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 9.15.9.45

Year 1 – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 9.15 – 9.45

Year 2 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15 – 9.45



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Open Evening for prospective Reception Families – 6.30 – 7.30.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Some Year 2 children singing at John Lewis – 11am.

All key dates can always be found on our school website, [www.recreationroad.com](http://www.recreationroad.com)

## PTA Messages

Climate Classroom Family collaboration evening - Friday 11th November from 6.15pm till 7.30ish.  
Pizzas can be ordered in advance from DYRRAH at Earlham shops and will be delivered to school if you wish.

### Christmas cards

Order online by **Tuesday 15th November**



If you would like any further information on **joining the PTA** or taking on the **treasurer** role, please contact [recroadpta@gmail.com](mailto:recroadpta@gmail.com)



### **School Dates**

#### **Autumn term**

Children in school: Monday 31 October - Friday 16 December 2022

Christmas holiday: Monday 19 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023

#### **Spring term**

Children in school: Wednesday 4 January - Friday 10 February 2023

Half-term holiday: Monday 13 - Friday 17 February 2023

Children in school: Monday 20 February - Friday 31 March 2023

Easter holiday: Monday 3 - Monday 17 April 2023



#### **Summer term**

Children in school: Tuesday 18 April - Friday 26 May 2023 (Monday 1  
May is a Bank Holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 29 - Friday 2 June 2023

Children in school: Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July 2023



### **Safeguarding**

Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it's important that they play safely.



#### **Things to consider if your child games online:**

Age ratings of games they play

Messaging and contact functions on the games

In-game purchases

Trolling, griefing and scams

How to report problems

Where they can get further support.

Also, if you have more than one child in your home, be aware that games suitable for one child to play or watch, may not be suitable for another.

More information can be found on <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

### **Early Reminder**



#### **Christmas Performance Week WB 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Reception

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 1

**Times to follow**



## WhatsApp

As a school, we see real benefits in the use of class WhatsApp groups. They are a great forum to check PE days, share events, and engage with other parents/carers.

However, it has been brought to our attention that on several occasions parents have been made to feel uncomfortable by comments made on these groups. As these are private forums, school staff have no authority over these and that is how it should be. However, we would politely request that users consider the learner values held dear by the children and indeed the whole school community, of being caring and collaborative, by remembering to be kind and to consider the feelings of others.

We pride ourselves on being a listening school. If you are not happy with something happening in school, please let a member of the class or leadership teams know so we can work with you to continue to improve our practice. We can only fix what we know about and will always endeavour to do so.

We thank you with your continued support with this.



## PE Kits:

Prior to Covid, the children used to keep PE kits in school. During restrictions this changed to minimise items travelling regularly between school and home. One of the lessons learned from Covid was that by not getting changed, children enjoyed a longer PE lesson. However, it is still important that pupils wear safe and comfortable clothes for this subject.

To maximise the best of both worlds, we would like the children to come into school, on PE days, wearing appropriate clothing. We realise that the weather is turning cold now, so would recommend clothing such as leggings/jogging bottoms, a t-shirt and jumper so they will be warm enough throughout the day but still be ready for PE. We would also like to thank families for providing appropriate footwear such as trainers or plimsolls which children can take on and off themselves, as requested in my October newsletter.

If you are not sure which day your child does PE, please ask a member of the class team. Staff will also share the days with you on the next year group newsletter.



## Start of the School Day

We know that mornings can be really stressful for families and so appreciate how hard it can be to get to school on time. However, if children miss morning routines frequently, they are missing out on:

- Social time with their friends and class adults.
- The important morning learning input.
- The structure of the day that helps them to feel safe, settled and secure.
- Organising themselves which develops their independence and resilience skills.



Please ensure your child doesn't miss out on these opportunities by arriving at school by 9am. We are always here to help. If you are having difficulties in the mornings, please let us know and we can support with this.