

Reception Newsletter- February 2025

Thank you!

We were overwhelmed by the number of parents/carers who attended our morning sessions and curriculum afternoon last half term. We have got lots more events coming up and hope to see more faces!

Book bags

Please make sure you go through your child's book bag regularly. Each day at school they only need to contain their reading materials (either a word book, a Ditty sheet, a RWI book and a book chosen for pleasure each Friday) and their reading record. Some bags are getting very full and it is hard for some children to fit them in their drawer! We are also worried you may miss invites and important letters.



Handwriting

Letter formation and handwriting continues to be a huge priority this half term. The children will engage in daily writing tasks, handwriting sessions and fine motor activities. Your child will continue to receive formation sheets every Friday. Please continue to refer to the Read Write Inc handwriting rhymes to support your child with the formation of each letter. We use the rhyme '*pinch the nib and lay it in it's nest*' to support the children to hold the pencil correctly.



Dates for your diary



Mon 24th Feb: People Who Help Us Dress up day
Fri 28th: Stay and Read- 8:45am-9:00am
Wed 12th Mar/ Thu 13th Mar: Parents Evening
Thu 6th Mar: Story making 8:45am-9:00am
Thu 6th Mar: World Book Day (dress up)
Tue 18th Mar: Reading/Phonics bingo 8:45am-9:00am
Fri 28th Mar: Mother's Day morning (details to follow)
Wed 2nd Apr: Easter crafts afternoon- 1:30pm-3:00pm
Tue 1st Apr: Trip to St Cuthbert's Church (letter to follow)
Fri 4th Apr: Last day of term

chatta

We use Chatta in the classroom to support the children's oracy skills, which will then develop their ability to create and write stories. Last half term you were given an individual username and password for Chatta. We are pleased to see that some parents are using the app at home and sharing them with us.

You can create a Chatta about anything! We love to see what the children get up to outside of school and it is lovely to share as a class. We do not access your child's individual account and so you will need to copy the link to your child's Tapestry account (a step-by-step guide was given out at the Chatta workshop to support with this).

Topic

This half term our topic is 'People Who Help Us'. Our topic will begin on **Monday 24th February** where the children can dress up as someone who has helped them. The children will look at the clothes needed for specific job roles and the reasons behind it. We will have visits from different professionals and services so that the children are able to ask questions and handle real-life equipment. The children will discover which vehicles are used by each service and why. If there are any parents who would be willing to come in and talk to the children about their job role, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Home Tasks

-Create an emergency vehicle with your child. Please return to school week commencing 17th March so we can share your child's work with the class.

-Make an Easter Bonnet with your child. Please return to school by Wed 2nd April so your child can wear it during our Easter Bonnet parade around the whole school.