

Newsletter – 19 January 2024

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10 TIPS TO HELP CHILDREN ENJOY READING (reading for pleasure)

1. Make books part of your family life- always have books & magazines around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.

2. Make most of the library – it's free! Also, it's a lovely way of spending an hour or so together, especially on a cold or wet day.

3. Match your child's interests - help them to find the right book- it doesn't matter if it is fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.

4. Whilst considering the above, don't forget that all reading is good. – Encourage children to try different types of text from time to time. (non-fiction, comics, picture books, magazines and leaflets.)

5. Get comfortable- snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, e.g. on a beanbag or on the sofa or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.

6. Ask questions- to keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night?' 'Can you remember what has happened already?'

7. Read whenever you get the chance – doctor's surgery, road signs, supermarkets, airports – it will all help.

8. Read again and again- encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.

9. Bedtime stories- regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It is a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.

10. Rhyme and repetition- books and poems, which include rhyme and repetition, are great for encouraging your younger child or children to join in and remember the words.

Take the added opportunity to taking part in reading challenges from the school, or from the local library.

Chinese new year

The children are enjoying learning about Chinese culture today and we thank the Lancaster University Confucius Institute for their expert input.

In family worship at 2:30pm, each class will be telling us about what they have learned in class in their sessions – you are very welcome to come and join us.

Indoor athletics

Next week is a mega week of indoor athletics. We have 2x Y5/6 competitions, 1 x Y3/4 competition and 1 x Y1/2 competition. Good luck to all taking part as we continue our commitment to enable all children to take part in sport at CSP.

Edinburgh

If you haven't paid your Edinburgh deposit, please can you do so before the end of January? We are busy booking activities and restaurants to make sure this trip is really exciting for our Y6 children. If you need a conversation about financial assistance, please ring Mr Gittins and this will be done in confidence.

Dance club

Dance club is on tonight and will be in Diamond class. Indoor athletics comp practice is in the hall. WAC club in Amethyst class – please collect children from Amethyst door.



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Contact details

If you have moved house, changed telephone number or need to amend your emergency contact details please remember to let the school office know.

Also if there has been any changes to your child's medical conditions, please let school know.

After school club resources

Our After school club are looking for some board games for older children to play with. If you have any games such as connect 4, battleships, top trump cards, or similar suitable games which are gathering dust at home please speak to the after school club staff. We can also always use colouring books at both lunchtime and after school. Many Thanks.

Lunches

Our school kitchen provides a choice of 3 hot meals every day. All KS1 children get a free universal lunch provided and for KS2 children the cost is £2.40 per day and can be chosen each morning. Please remember to upload payments in advance to Parent Pay accounts to enable children to choose a lunch.

Please remember if you are sending your child with a packed lunch or snacks for playtime they must not contain any nuts or items which may contain nut oil. Please check ingredient labels if unsure. This is due to us having a number of children with severe nut allergies.

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week.

Diamond - Charlie for always working hard on his writing and amazing drawings!

Ruby – Luke for fantastic reading with expression in English and always being ready to learn with a smile.

Topaz – Alex for always being a kind and considerate member of our class and always working hard to produce his best work.

Emerald - Henry W For amazing work in writing and phonics this week. He is making huge progress. Well done.

Sapphire – Glen for being a joy to teach and ALWAYS working hard.

Amethyst – Mollie for consistently producing work of an excellent standard and for always being helpful and supportive in class, thank you.

School vacancies

There is currently a job vacancy in the school kitchen for a general assistant. 2 hours a day from 11.30am to 1.30pm. 10 hours a week. The details can be found on the Lancashire County Council website.

We are always looking for someone to help out with our welfare provision at lunchtime. This is a great chance to get to know our wonderful children. If you can offer any days from 12 - 1pm, please let contact the office.