



FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,

Wishing you all a very happy new year! I pass on thanks from all the staff at Fishbourne Primary for the thoughtful messages and gifts that we received at Christmas. As I said at the 'Carols Around the Tree', your support of our school and the vision for Fishbourne's children and staff is really important to us. Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and positive

feedback about our school.

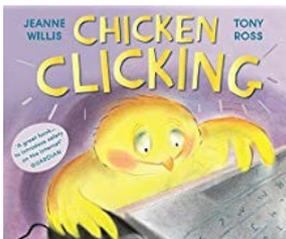
What's happening in school this term?

During the autumn term, our School Development Plan had a key focus on developing modelled writing techniques within our Learning Experience approach to the curriculum. The INSET run by Sue Webb which focused on both developing our grammar subject knowledge and on exploring different techniques for modelling writing was really helpful. During the autumn term, staff have tried out many of these approaches and seen the very positive impact they have had on children's writing... there is a strong sense of apprenticeship throughout school. During a recent Book Look in school we were very pleased with the strong progress we saw in children's books. The children are able to talk readily about their own personalised steps of learning too.



As we move into the spring term, we will continue to develop these strategies while we turn our attention to the way in which children become confident and able mathematicians. We will be working again with the University of Chichester to support our professional development. We also look forward to sharing

with you more about our pilot of a computer-based programme called Times Tables Rockstars—this is designed to support the children learning their times tables which we know are essential for confidence and enjoyment in maths. We are currently piloting this with children in Year 6 class so that we can solve any technical glitches that might occur. Look out for information coming home soon!



Safer Internet Day is being marked on Tuesday 5th February with our first ever whole school one-day learning experience which will raise the profile of staying safe online both in and out of school. Mr Cutting, our Computing and E-Safety leader, will be heading this up in school. During the day, the children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe online and we'll

be hooked in by this fabulous story called 'Chicken Clicking' by Tony Ross and Jeanne Willis. Our END GOAL will be to write personalised pledges reflecting our responses to the learning we have done in the morning. These will be published and displayed in our ICT Suite. We will take many steps of learning in just one day to complete the best possible pledges, with a particular focus on our steps of writing:

planning-drafting-sharing-evaluating-revising-editing and publishing.

Our pledges will go through all these stages in just one day!

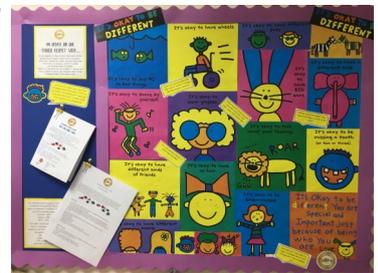
We will also be starting work on our mid-year reports which come home just before the Easter holidays. This will be the third year we will have worked in this way and the children's ability to reflect on themselves as learners is strengthening each time! It is such a good opportunity to stop, reflect and look to the future with children thinking deeply about themselves as learners. The reports are highly personalised and led by the children, if you haven't yet seen one of our school reports, do have a look on our website under the FAMILIES tab and Parent & School Partnership. Please also remember that you can find out more about how we measure children's progress at Fishbourne Primary under the ABOUT US tab and assessment. Here you can find all our Key Performance Indicators for reading, writing and maths as well as the links to the most recent Teacher Assessment Frameworks for those children in Year 2 and 6.



If you have a chance to pop into school when you are dropping off or picking up this week, do have a look at the class displays in shared areas. All displays celebrate the **journey of learning** - and there is a display from each year group where you will be able to

see the hook, the end goal and the series of steps that take the children between the two for a learning experience that took place during the autumn term! As a school, we are passionate about the journey... about children learning how to learn by being aware of the journey they are taking and seeing how the learning is building to a point where they can begin drafting their end goals. It's been lovely to have a chance to see these on show throughout school and for the children to share each others learning in this way!

Also this term, we are revisiting our whole school learning experience, Choose Respect. Following the debates we held across school, we have reviewed our Anti-Bullying Policy and created a leaflet for children about what to do should they find themselves in a position where they feel they might be being bullied. During our



Thinking Circles this week, we will be giving the children an opportunity to view the draft leaflets and give us their feedback about them. They are currently in draft form and on display just outside Mrs Martin's office in school. Please do drop in and have a look. We really warmly welcome any feedback or suggestions you might have in relation to them.

You will have by now received your termly newsletter from your class which will be jam packed with news about what's coming up in your child's class. It's lovely to see how many exciting opportunities are planned and a broad, balanced curriculum for all!

Following our parent survey at the end of last academic year, several parents requested a variation in day for class assembly. We do try really hard to work in partnership with our families so this term we have moved our class assembly day to a Thursday morning at 9am. We have organised this for the coming term and include below a list of dates for our class assemblies during the spring term.

Year 5 - Thursday 31st January
 Year 1 - Thursday 7th March
 Year 2 - Thursday 14th March
 Year 3 - Thursday 21st March
 Year 4 - Thursday 28th March

There is lots of exciting learning going on throughout our school at the moment. We try to balance the time spent preparing and rehearsing for a class assembly with the demands of a rigorous, exciting curriculum and so these assemblies will be simple and not require excessive preparation. We recognise how valuable opportunities like this are for public speaking and building children with the courage to perform in front of others, however we also know that this needs to be balanced with not taking away from learning in the classroom.



This weekend, we collected a brand new collection of books for our school library from The Book Nook in Hove. We are passionate about books at Fishbourne and really looking forward to launching our whole-class texts after the Easter holidays which are being funded by our amazing FOFs team in partnership with Humberts.

We are so lucky to have our beautiful library space with such a huge collection of high quality texts and a staff of 'teachers as readers' who have such a good knowledge of children's literature and love nothing more than making recommendations to children about books they may enjoy. We have three reading groups operating in school at the moment, each designed to foster in our children a real love of reading and enjoyment of sharing books together. These operate in much the same way as adult book groups and the children make excellent contributions to discussion about the texts over hot chocolate (and sometimes even with cake!).

We are currently on the look out for a couple of volunteers who could give up some time to support us with our school library. Roles on offer at the moment include:



- someone happy to back two boxes of books with plastic cover and enter them onto the library system (a couple of hours work)
 - someone who could spare an hour a week to come and spend time in the library, ideally during the afternoon. This would involve using the computer system to support children taking books out of the library and returning books to shelves.
 - someone with a love of children's books who might be available to help children to choose books!
- It would be lovely to see our library space being used even more effectively and if you think you might be in a position to help, please do let us know! We would need interested volunteers to apply for a DBS certificate if they do not already hold one. If you'd like to know more about any of these roles, please do get in touch!



Dates for 2019

- Thu 17th Jan - Star Gazing evening for Elephant Class (4.45-5.45pm)
- Thursday 24th Jan—Stay and Play in Reception class (2.35-3.10pm)
- Mon 28th Jan—Church and School Fete planning meeting—all warmly welcome! (7.00pm in staffroom)
- Tues 5th Feb - International Safer Internet Day whole school learning experience
- Tues 5th Feb 6-7pm: Parent Information Meeting—Lancastrian Infants School
- Fri 8th Feb - Cuppa and Chat (2.30pm)
- Friday 15th February - INSET Day

INSET Days for 2019

Friday 15th February
 and Friday 24th May



SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2019 | Tuesday
 5 February

www.saferinternetday.org



Please do try to get along to the parent information event at Lancastrian Infant School on Tuesday 5th February between 6 and 7pm. It is so important, as parents, we have a good understanding of all the wonderful benefits of the Internet as well as some of the potential problems it may create for our children.

Cuppa and Chat is on Friday 8th February at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity to pop in informally for a cuppa and to talk through any suggestions you may have to help make our school a better place to be. We will be sharing the new anti-bullying policy and leaflet for children during this meeting on the 8th and so if you have a particular interest in this, please do pop the date in your diary! We will look forward to seeing you there!



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