

# OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2019

2020 is nearly here!! May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and I do hope you all manage to spend some quality time together as a family over this winter break.

This term, as ever, has been an incredibly busy one for us. A lot of work is happening regarding our curriculum. Many thanks to the many of you who were so positive about the overviews you received at the Consultation Evenings (Yrs 1-6). A good curriculum should always be under constant review, so I will notify you in my weekly updates when we make significant changes to ensure you are up to date. We are going to amend the website too so that it's much easier to find. It will have a 'tab' all of its own on the front page. Our amendments, to consistently managing low level behaviour in class, have meant increased communications with parents when reminders of expectations haven't worked or if there is a pattern of repeated disruption. We really do value your support in this. These incidents are rare and it's only by working together can we aim to eliminate it completely.

## Marvellous Me



You may be aware from the weekly updates this is the name of the App we will be using in the new year to further improve our communications with you, with specific regard to learning achievements and information on the curriculum. Staff are receiving training on the App on January 15th from the developer himself - I am sure there will be a few hiccups here and there as there usually is with these things, so a little patience may be needed as we get used to it. There is no change to using Parent Pay for school dinners.

## Reading

### Reading for Inference Training

Sue Howard from the Local Authority has delivered Reading for Inference training to all staff over 3 twilight sessions. This development in our Reading delivery in Years 3-6 will be implemented in January and is being led by Miss Middleton. We are gradually adding more and more information on our Reading curriculum to the website to keep you as updated as possible.

### Read, Write Inc. Phonics

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have embarked on this new scheme for the delivery of phonics. We are being supported by Cassey Williams from New Wave English Hub. The improvements in delivery and outcomes have been tremendous in such a short space of time. A big thank you to all staff who have embraced this change and their commitment to ensuring its success. The enjoyment and progress in lessons is a pleasure to see.



## Next term we are:

1. Continuing with Read, Write Inc. Phonics delivery led by Miss Henderson (Mrs Finnerty will be on maternity leave)
2. Implementing Reading for Inference led by Miss Middleton
3. Beginning App communications for learning and curriculum (individual teachers Yrs 1-6)
4. Refining the curriculum - Foundation subjects and creating knowledge organisers (Science, History, Geography etc.) and these will be available on the website in due course
5. Moving my and Mr Dickson's office from near the staffroom back to being next to the main office and creating a group/meeting room where the old art store was.

**Children return to school on Monday 6th January**

## Attendance - Year To Date

National: 96.1%

Raising attendance is still a priority in school and we do appreciate your help in working with us to achieve this. You can see from the figures below that many classes are at or above the national average. We need to continue to work together to keep these figures as high as possible.

RCH	94.5%
RMG	94.3%
1AC	96.5%
1HM	96.1%
2LM	96.8%
2MF	98.3%
3CP	97.6%
3KL	97.4%
4CC	96.0%
4HD	97.2%
5SF	97.2%
5SM	96.3%
6JP	95.9%
6SB	95.4%

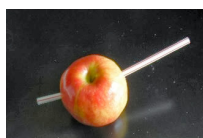
## Diary Dates

6th January - First day of term  
20th to 24th January - The Arts Week  
20th January - Y2 Burghley House Trip  
23rd January - Y4 Stibbington Trip - Investigating Rivers  
24th January - People who help us Rec event  
4th & 5th February - Parents' Consultation evenings (Mrs Finnerty will be seeing parents on 14th and 15th January)

More dates can be found on the school website



## I think I should explain...



Straws, apples & potatoes!  
This was part of a celebration assembly, reminding children

of how to achieve their 'Lily' stickers for Science and showing wonder in the world. <http://coolscienceexperimentshq.com/straw-through-a-potato>.

## Lily Passports

A reminder: A few years ago we adopted a leopard for a year and 'Lily the Learning Leopard' was born. This idea has stuck with us and grown and now children ask for 'Lily' stickers when they are aware they've been particularly successful in:

- ▶ applying Maths & English knowledge in other subjects
- ▶ showing an interest in the wonders of the world in Science
- ▶ demonstrating lovely manners
- ▶ engaging fully in PE to be best of their ability
- ▶ taking care & pride in creative work



Each line of achievement is celebrated in assembly and names are placed on celebratory boards in the hall. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels are available and medals are awarded when the whole passport is complete.



## The Arts Week

Week 9 (20th - 24th January) is The Arts Week and all classes will be creating artwork linked to some of their Religious Education work - this is also part of a National competition.

The House Singing finals will also be taking place during the week - Good Luck to everyone!

## Ofsted

June 2020 is the date/window of our next Ofsted inspection and we are expecting to remain a 'Good' school. As soon as we are notified we will inform you. You can complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire at any time - you don't have to wait for the inspection. You can find this at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Click on the 'Give your views' tab and this takes you to the register/login screen.