



# The Wickford C of E School Newsletter



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## ATTENDANCE

**TARGET: 100%**

### WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS

WEEK: **98.7%**

### CLASS ATTENDANCE:

**Penguin: 99%**

**Wren: 97.8%**

**Puffin: 99.1%**

**Robin: 99.1%**

**Flamingo: 98.8%**

**Parrot: 98.2%**

### PADDINGTONS:

**Penguin:** Ellie C, Jacob, Reggie and Noah

**Wren:** Logan, Ava H, Edie and Lucas

**Puffin:** All of Puffin Class

**Robin:** Dev, Sophie H, Georgie and Ruben

**Flamingo:** Ronnie W, Elsie, Stanley and Mia B

**Parrot:** Stefan, Bertie, Gabriela and Presley

### GOLDEN TABLE:

**Penguin:** Jacob

**Wren:** Emily H

**Puffin:** Christian

**Robin:** Sophie H

**Flamingo:** Max M

**Parrot:** Laydeen

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **SOME GOOD READING INCENTIVES...**

Reading Research shows, Children who read for 20 minutes a day are exposed to 1.8 million words a year.

Children who read on average for 4.6 minutes a day are exposed to 282,000 words a year.

Children who read for less than one minute a day are exposed to 8,000 words a year.

So it would take a child who reads for less than one minute a day a whole year to read the number of words that a child who reads for 20 minutes a day would read in 2 days.

**Reading challenge sheets will soon be totaled, let's go for gold!**



**HEADS OF TABLE** We started this initiative to help year 2 children develop their sense of Responsibility. I could not be more proud of Henry M, Mitchell G, Evie M and Hollie B who have taken this role so seriously. Henry fills jugs of water with such care, Mitchell cuts food for the younger children, Evie finds a dustpan and brush when needed and Hollie lays the tables like a professional! Thank you to them, I am very proud of the skills they have exhibited. Many thanks to Miss Harris for her input with the organisation and general lead.

**CHICK PHOTOGRAPHS** Please check your child's book bag (EYFS/Year 1/2) for details of how to purchase the beautiful photographs on display outside classrooms, all proceeds to DIPG.

**PARKING** A very upset neighbour popped in to school this week to talk about her issues with the parking in Franklin Way, particularly by those parents accessing the alley for the after school club provision.

She has been advised to report cars involved to the police and I have apologised for the rude behaviour she was exposed to. This newsletter will be shared with all families as many attending are from schools across the town.

## **MOMENTS OF LOVELINESS**

Twitter - check out the upload on Tuesday this week, a beautiful song led by our school choir during Circle Assembly,

World Book Day fun meant the atmosphere and celebration of books was just wonderful on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Springall organised a great day! Many thanks for your support too, the children not only looked amazing but could articulate the HEARTS value that their character represented. The potato characters are incredible; what creative families we have. Thank you.

Many thanks to the FACES team who supported the Usborne rep after school, the hall was a buzz of activity!

FACES were also busy with the pancake flipping last week, this is always a much loved event, the kids just love it!

How amazing is our Just Giving page! We are totally overwhelmed by the generosity of those who have sponsored us. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wickfordcofeteacherskydive-inmemoryofoliviagregory>

The jump will take place on Saturday 11th May 2019 at Headcorn Aerodrome, Ashford, TN27 9HX.



All welcome!

**MENU** There will be a change to next week's lunch menu. Monday's option 2 will be Southern Style Breaded Quorn strips and Thursday's option 2 will be Macaroni Cheese.

**HEAD LICE** Unfortunately these little creatures have made an appearance again. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

**SHARING ASSEMBLY** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March will be sharing for year 2, assembly will start at 2pm.

**RED NOSE DAY** Thank you to everyone who joined in with this today, there were lots of lovely red hair bobbles, tops, bottoms and even noses! We have raised £121 to go to Comic Relief. Well done everyone and thanks again.



**GREAT NEWS** We are pleased to say that the kitchen has had an unannounced Food Hygiene inspection today. Mrs Boswell worked with the inspector and we are proud to announce that once again our 5 star assessment has been renewed. Well done, the report and feedback was a pleasure to receive.

### **TOP TECH TIP**

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>

### [Are you parent or carer of a child aged 4 - 7 years old?> - thinkuknow.co.uk](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/)

Parents text content. Recent statistics released by Ofcom revealed that over 50% of children aged 3-4 go online for nearly 8 hours a week, and 1 in 5 children aged 3-4 have their own tablet.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### **HIRE THE HALL**

Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office if you are interested.

Last weekend, upon hearing about the events at Wickford CofE (Book Day, Pancake flipping, the Just Giving Page, parent consultation night), my daughter said; 'mum, your teachers, the children and the mums and dads are so supportive'. A fly away comment from a 12 year old... but one I couldn't agree more with.

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Monday

Mrs Johnson and the CofE team.