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## Newsletter - November 2015



Tales around the campfire

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,  
It has continued to be a very busy term!

### **Thank you**

#### *Tales around the campfire*

80 children attended the Y1, Y2 and Y3 campfire sessions and 50 children attended the session for Y4, Y5 and Y6 children. The atmosphere was great and adults and children were able to share their stories.

#### *Children in need*

Children and adults raised £310 by dressing up as heroes for Children in Need. Have a look at the photographs in the noticeboard on KS1 playground. The kitchen staff made us all some Pudsey cookies.

Thank you for your feedback about the Bug Club online reading programme for children. I know that more parents are looking to use this with their children especially after Christmas!

### **Well done**

Sita Brahmachari - Children's Author of "Red Leaves" came into school to work with children in Base 13. She was so impressed with the children's attitude to learning that she contacted us with this message.

"I was so impressed with the creative approach teachers had taken to exploring my book 'Red Leaves'. The children were deeply engaged in the world of the book and its language. It was clear to me how much thought had gone into choosing the right book for this year 6 group. The children were totally engaged with the story both as literature and a book that spoke to human right's concerns in the world today.

As I looked at the notebooks the children had developed I felt honoured that my book had been given such a considerate reading and was the inspiration for their own creative writing. It is clearly such an empowering process for children to meet an author whose work they are familiar with. It creates a dialogue and opens up possibilities for their own futures. As an Arts Educator I feel that the ingredients that went into this visit were of the very best quality....

Thank you to everyone who hosted me (the lift back to the station) and a special thank you to my lovely guides Grace and Isabelle."

### Attendance

Well done everybody, our attendance was 97.66% by the end of October. This is good news as our target for the year is 96%. As you can see we need to work with parents of Reception children to continue to maintain this success.

October 2015	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Percentage attendance	93.76%	96.1%	98.0%	96.1%	98.6%	98.1%	98.2%

### Parents are invited to join their children for lunch

Parents are invited in on a Friday this term to sample our fish and chip lunch.

Parents of children in Y5/6 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 12.15pm

The cost of a child's lunch is £2.00

The cost of an adult lunch is £2.85

We look forward to seeing you then.

### Parent Consultation meetings

Here are the collated results from the completed questionnaires. 213 questionnaires were returned

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy and likes school	71% 151	27% 58	2% 4	
2	My child feels safe at school	77% 164	22% 47	1% 2	
3	My child feels that they can join all activities at school	72% 153	26.5% 57	1.5% 3	
4	Children behave well at school	59% 125	39% 84	2% 4	
5	I feel comfortable in approaching the school with questions or a problem or a worry	76.5% 163	22% 47		1.5% 3
6	The school sets clear targets for my child	78% 166	22% 47		

7	My child is given support to achieve well at school	80% 170	19% 41	0.5% 1	0.5% 1
8	I am kept informed about how well my child has worked towards achieving their targets	70% 149	29% 62	1% 2	
9	Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best	80% 171	20% 42		
10	Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent	79% 168	20.5% 44	0.5% 1	
11	My child is making good progress	76% 161	24% 52		
12	My child has regular homework	79% 168	20.5% 44		0.5% 1

We are hosting a **Children's Book Fair** from the Travelling Books Company on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Key Stage One hall from 3.15pm. These events always prove to be popular. We are aware that you may want to get some books as Christmas presents therefore we are opening the book fair up 9am - 9.30am and 2.45pm on Wednesday in case you want to visit without the children! Thank you so much for your support with the book fair - the school does get commission from these events which enables us to buy new books for our classes.

**Dates for your diary** - we will be entering these dates onto the diary on our web site. A copy of all newsletters can be found on the school website. Further details about start times for some of the events will be sent out to you nearer to the date.

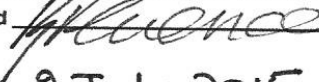
Date	Year group	Event
25 <sup>th</sup> November am	Y1 and Y2	Flu Vaccine in school
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6	Author in school working with children
1 <sup>st</sup> December	All children	The Christmas Post Box is out and ready for use!
9.15am 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 and Y4	Parents are invited in to join our Christmas assembly
3.15pm 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1, Y2 and Y3	Film club - "Polar Express"
9 <sup>th</sup> December	YR to Y6	Christmas lunch for children
3.15pm 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4, Y5 and Y6	Film club - "Elf"
9.15am 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 and Y6	Parents are invited in to join our Christmas assembly
Evening 11 <sup>th</sup> December	families	Families Pantomime at Oakengates theatre "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves"
9.15am 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Base 1, Y1 and Y2	Parents are invited in to join our Christmas assembly
9.15am 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Base 2, Y1 and Y2	Parents are invited in to join our Christmas assembly

Attached is the audited school fund accounts

**William Reynolds Primary School  
School Fund Receipts & Payments Account  
for year ending 31st March 2015**

<u>Receipts</u>	£	£	<u>Payments</u>	£	£
Current Account Balance 1.4.14		<b>14,605.58</b>			
Audit Fees	0.00		Audit Fees	295.20	
Bank Interest	13.12		Bank Charges	0.00	
Book Fayre	898.13		Book Fayre	898.13	
Educational Visits	8,245.50		Educational Visits	6,885.95	
Film Club	266.00		Film Club	192.06	
Fundraising	439.52		Fundraising	118.00	
Grants	200.00		Grants	200.00	
Items for School	50.00		Items for School	3,979.79	
Lottery Registration	0.00		Lottery Registration	20.00	
Uniform	1,466.50		Uniform	3,003.31	
Young Voices	<u>680.97</u>	<b>12,259.74</b>	Young Voices	<u>879.97</u>	<b>16,472.41</b>
			Current Account Balance as at 31.3.15		<b>10,392.91</b>
		<u><b>26,865.32</b></u>			<u><b>26,865.32</b></u>

"In accordance with the school fund notes of guidance, I have examined the receipts and payments account together with the books, vouchers and documents relating to William Reynolds Primary School Fund for the year ended 31st March 2015 and of the balance held at that date. In my opinion the books have been properly kept and the above is in agreement with the books, vouchers and documents submitted and the explanations given to me."

Signed   
Date 2 July 2015

K Ewence - School Fund Auditor

***Last day of the Autumn term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016***

