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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

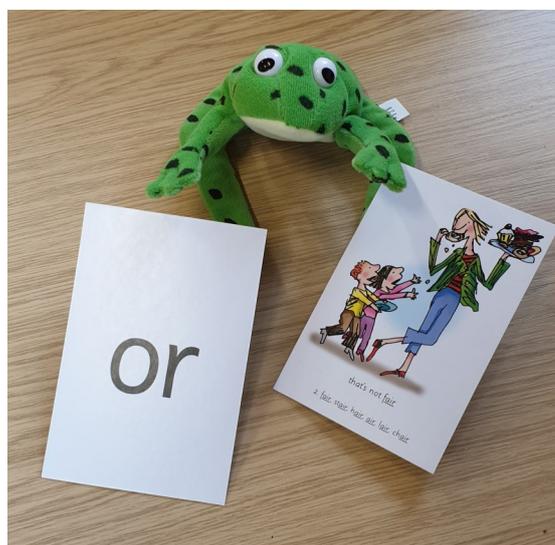
Dear Parents,

Read, Write Inc. Phonics Programme: We are excited to be fully launching into Read, Write Inc. as a phonics, reading and spelling programme today. As I mentioned last week, we have been awarded £3000 of match funding from the Ilsham English Hub to purchase the resources and training. I really feel that Read, Write Inc. will have a huge impact on children's progress. The English language is incredibly challenging to read compared to other languages such as French, Spanish and even Arabic, as in these languages there generally is only one way to say each letter or group of letters. This clip from the classic sitcom, 'I Love Lucy' is an amusing reminder of what our children are up against:

<https://youtu.be/uZV40f0cXF4>

Today children had their first lesson in their groups and really enjoyed them. Class 1 and 2 have their daily sessions at 9:15 am and for those who it will benefit in Class 3, their sessions are at 11:00 am. Teachers have already begun to introduce Read, Write Inc. so please don't be concerned if there is some repetition in the first few weeks as it is important to solidly embed the phonics. Your children may start talking about 'Fred the Frog' and 'Fred Talk'. There will be a session for parents after half term (date to be confirmed) but in the meantime, here is a video to help you to understand 'Fred Talk':

https://youtu.be/dEzfpod5w_Q



MyPlans: Teachers will arrange a telephone meeting with parents of children with MyPlans to discuss and agree them. Please sign and return the second copy to the class teacher for our records.

Drop-off and Pick-up Arrangements: Thank you for your support with these important procedures. Here is a link to the letter sent out last week: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/halwillps/UploadedDocument/98bdc908c28f4ccbada6099f1bc41e6bc/6.10.20-drop-off-and-pick-up-halwill.pdf>

Celebration Assembly: Last week's assembly focused on one of our Carey Qualities: 'Be Resourceful' and linked in to the importance of being fascinated and curious through reading. We talked about Malorie Blackman, the well regarded children's author and Children's Laureate. Many of Malorie's books, including Noughts and Crosses will be great reads for children when they are of secondary age but Malorie has also written some lovely books for younger children, one of these is called, 'I want a cuddle'. I promised Class 1 and 2 that I would bring my copy in to share with them this week. As it is 'Black History Month', Malorie is a great British role model to discuss with children, especially as her first novel was rejected 80 times by publishers so she certainly had to 'Be Resilient'.



Harvest Celebration

Harvest is an important time of the year, particularly as many of our children are from farming families. Harvest allows us to give thanks and value the contribution our local farmers provide to the country and beyond. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents and the wider community in to celebrate this year so instead we will put together a virtual assembly, which will be shared on Friday 23rd October via Class Dojo and the school Facebook page. We are mindful that some of our community are still very isolated and they really appreciate the cheer the children's presentations can offer. **Please ensure you have returned the permissions sheet**, sent earlier this term, so we know exactly who can and can't be included in the Facebook version of the video.

Over the next two weeks, we will also be collecting non-perishable foods and toiletries for the Holsworthy Food Bank. Please give generously if you can, as many are suffering from the financial difficulties of the pandemic so your donations will be gratefully received.

Mrs Ruh Alford
Executive Headteacher

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Dates for your diary:

October

14th	Flu vaccinations years R to 6.
26th to 30th	Half term
31st	Secondary school application deadline (Year 6's)

November

2nd	Non pupil day
3rd	Non pupil day

December

18th	End of term
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January

4th	Start of Spring term
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The Carey Qualities

In the Carey Federation, we are aspirational learners who build

Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

Each Friday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.

For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Oskar—class 2 Caleb—class 3 Finley—class 1	Archie—class 4	Leonie—class 3	Leah—class 4 Kitty—class 3	Noah—class 2 Jack H—class 2 Holly—class 4 Evelyn—class 1

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP

If your child has:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test

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Halloween
HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TREAT THE KIDS TO LEARN SOME NEW TRICKS THIS HALLOWEEN HALF-TERM WEEK (W/C 26 OCT)

THERE'S ARCHERY, FOOTBALL, TRAMPOLINING AND BALL SPORTS CAMPS TO CHOOSE FROM

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AND ACTIVITIES BOOKED AT:
[HTTPS://OCRASPORT.ORG.UK/GET-INVOLVED/HOLIDAYS/](https://ocrasport.org.uk/get-involved/holidays/)

ALL ACTIVITIES WILL OPERATE ADHERING TO STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES

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