



Reading Flash Mob!

Please come to school early on Thursday morning with whatever you are reading – a book, magazine or newspaper. We hope to see **EVERYBODY READING** when we blow the whistle at 8.45. Children can bring books from home or choose the book they are reading at school. The weather should still be fine so we hope to see everyone in school reading in the main playground.

8.35 – 8.50 Thursday September 15th

Dear Parents and Carers,

School uniform and 'Lost property'

We have a uniform policy that all parents have signed up to in our 'Permissions' booklet – we will be providing all families with new copies of these shortly as a reminder to keep at home. It is pleasing to see that almost everyone comes to school every day in the right uniform. If your child is not dressed appropriately we will find a clean jumper or other top for them to wear for the day. Please note that families have been informed that we now expect all pupils to come to school in appropriate black footwear. Trainers are acceptable but they must be black.

Children, particularly the younger ones, sometimes go home with the wrong jumper, shirt or even coat. If this happens please make sure the item of clothing is returned to school the next day. *There have, sadly, been a small number of incidents where parents have kept uniform or other clothing that belongs to other children.* I'm sure I don't need to remind parents how unfair this is, particularly because some families who are struggling financially still make sure their children are dressed appropriately for school.

If you are finding it difficult to buy a uniform please let us know as we currently have quite a lot of perfectly usable second hand uniform. We hope to hold a uniform sale soon or come to the office to arrange a suitable time to select a second hand uniform.

Uniform can be ordered on-line from Tesco – simply go to tesco.com/ues write Fosse in the box and then choose Fosse Primary and select the items you need (please note the site does not show the school badge on the pictures shown but you will get the right logo if you have selected Fosse Primary!). You are, of course, very welcome to buy white polo shirts and blue jumpers from any other shop that sells the right colour.

To make life easier for everybody, please, please, please make sure your child's name is written in their uniform or anything else they bring into school. Thank-you.

Best Wishes,
Richard Stone
Headteacher

Attendance Information - Individual Pupil Attendance Bands

The following attendance bands are based on guidance from Leicester City Council

- **100% - outstanding** we aim for all individual pupils to have 100% attendance.
- **98.01% - 99.9%** (with no unauthorised absence) - **excellent**
- **96.01% - 98%** (with no unauthorised absence) - **good**
- **90.01% - 96%** - **attendance requires improvement**
- **90% and under** - **persistent absentee**

We hope that all children will be at school on time every day although we understand that there may be occasions where a child is unable to come to school.

If your child cannot come to school because of illness, we expect parents to inform the school on the first day of illness and every day after. Please call the school to let us know what is happening. There should be no unauthorised absence as a result of illness. Thank-you.

Problems at school

Most children will have a problem of some kind or other while they are at school – usually problems can be sorted easily and quickly. If your child does share something that concerns you please let us know as soon as you can. You may not be able to see a teacher immediately but we WILL get back to you or arrange an appointment as soon as possible.

Year 6 Residential

Thank-you to all the families that have booked places for their child on the Year 6 residential trip next summer. This is a brilliant opportunity for children to experience something unfamiliar and out of their 'comfort zone'.

Hot weather

while we are having such hot weather, please make sure your child has a water bottle (there are plenty of water coolers around the school) and that they are appropriately dressed – children may also need a hat for the playground this week.. You are also very welcome to send your child with sunscreen that they can apply themselves under adult supervision.

'GRIT' & Growth Mind Sets ...

Last year one of our whole school projects was looking at how to encourage children to develop attitudes to learning that will help them reach their potential. We are continuing this work in 2016 – 2017. The ability to show 'grit' and determination will clearly help everybody because the ability to work hard will always improve whatever we are doing. Linked to this, we hope that children will learn to develop '**Growth Mind Sets**' rather than have 'Fixed Mind sets'. Put simply, we teach children that 'intelligence' is not fixed, that it can change. It can get stronger or weaker depending upon the effort we put in. We teach children to think the following:

Don't SAY

I'm stupid
I'm awesome at this
This is too hard
I'm jealous. She's so smart!
I give up!
Oh no! I made a mistake.
I'm no good at maths (or another subject)

Do Say

What am I missing?
I seem to be on the right track
This will take time and effort
I'm going to figure out how she does it
I'll use some strategies I've learned
Mistakes help me improve
I'm going to train my brain in maths (or another subject)

Here's a useful link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIVUqv0v1EE>

'Skipping Henry' dates

We are really lucky to have Henry Williams – 'Skipping Henry' come to our school every Wednesday morning before school (except Oct 5th, Nov 9th and Dec 7th)

Henry is much in demand across the whole city – please come to school early on Wednesday mornings so your children can have a go – it's such a great thing to be able to do. Adults are, of course, very welcome to skip along as well!