



Reporting Covid-19 Symptoms

We would ask that you inform us by emailing the school if during the holiday your child(ren) exhibit symptoms of coronavirus and/or test positive. School email will be checked daily so that if necessary we can identify and inform anyone (staff and the parents of children) who have been in close contact with someone who has then tested positive.

Thank you for your continued support.

10,000 MINUTE READING CHALLENGE

We hope you found the online reading resources useful that were emailed earlier in the term. I want to share with you our new reading challenge which will hopefully motivate and enthuse your child to read for fun and enjoyment!

WE CHALLENGE EVERY CHILD TO READ:

For ten minutes at a time.

Five times or more a week.

Every Friday afternoon in their class Google Meet, we will ask each child to tell us how many times they have read at home during the week (1 read = 10 mins or 5 lots of 2 mins and 30 mins spent reading = 3 reads).

We will identify one class each week from F2 to Y2 and another from Y3-Y6 with the most minutes spent reading. Each of these two classes will each win additional playtime the following week whether at home or school.

We will share the total minutes read in Class Trophy Assemblies on Friday starting after half term and create a totaliser to see if we can read for 50,000 minutes by Easter! I hope everyone tries their best to read regularly to help their class and the school meet their reading challenges and **we will start this challenge after half term.**

Good luck!

DATES 2020/21

HALF TERM

School closes -22.10.20

INSET -23.10.20

School opens - 2.11.20

CHRISTMAS

School closes - 18.12.20

SPRING TERM 2021

INSET - 4.1.21

School opens -5.1.21

HALF TERM

School closes-12.2.21

School opens -22.2.21

SPRING

School closes-26.3.21

SUMMER TERM 2021

School opens -12.4.21

May Bank Holiday -3.5.21

INSET - 6.5.21 (Elections)

HALF TERM

School closes-28.5.21

INSET - 7.6.21

School opens -8.6.21

School closes-20.7.21

Supporting Parents Helpfinder (Young Minds)

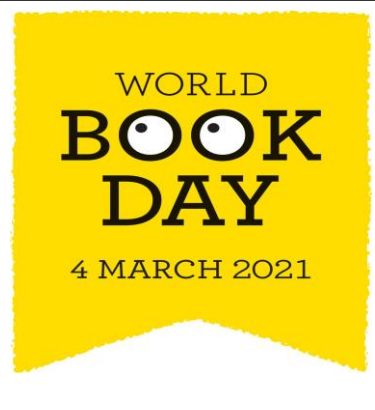
Times are tough for many people right now. Parents may find themselves pulled in many different directions and children may be struggling being in the house for so much longer than usual. Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder'. By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond).

Find the help finder here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

When emotions explode (Young Minds)

Young Minds have created a useful poster highlighting ways to give support to children when they have angry feelings or outbursts and may help families start a conversation and talk about each other's feelings. Download the poster here:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/media/4291/when-emotions-explode-poster.pdf>



On Tuesday 23/2/21 we are celebrating **Random Acts of Kindness Day**. Officially it is on the 17th but that is half term. Class teachers will forward a class assembly created by Mrs Healy. **Please encourage everyone to undertake act of kindness that day (e.g. paying a compliment, a kind message, etc).** The children will be completing tasks linked to this theme in the afternoon. Our **PSHE theme for next half term is Rights and Responsibilities** with more details about activities to follow.