



Nursery Hill  
Primary

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Head Teacher: Miss Becky Pebody

28th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of our busy school term! Please find below the following information:

### **Further Parent/Carer Meeting:**

Following the first consultation meeting for parents and carers on the proposal to the Department for Education for Nursery Hill Primary School to become an academy, a further meeting has been arranged to take place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm** in the school hall.

This meeting has been arranged by Mrs Barber, the Chair of Governors and leaders from the Cromwell Learning Community Multi-Academy Trust (CLC MAT) will also be attending the meeting. The meeting will provide an opportunity for parents to seek clarification and an update on the process of the proposal.

### **Our Half-Term Early Years Make-over:**

We have had an extremely exciting start to the term with an amazing makeover to our Early Years classrooms. This huge achievement has required a real team effort, led by Mrs Darr, the CEO of the CLC MAT. We have captured the comments and feedback from the children and parents of Nursery and Early Years and the staff in a special book to commemorate this special event. Here are a few of the comments:

"What happened?"

**Thomas**



"Very appealing and eye-catching. Very well set out" **A parent.**



"I love the reading corner" **Archie**

"What a transformation! I am sure it will make the children feel this is a special place. The art work is a thing of joy." **Mrs Wakefield**

"Brilliant colourful classrooms, nice fresh look. Makes the classrooms look a lot bigger and brighter" **A parent.**


"What a new start! A lively and bright setting which will help to motivate the children." **Mrs Wright**

### Pancake Day:

To mark Pancake Day **on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, the school menu will include pancakes as a pudding option. If you would like to book a school meal, please arrange this with a payment of £2.20 to the school office on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**.

### World Book Day:

We are marking the importance of the enjoyment of reading with a range of events to coincide with **World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. **Please note the following:**

- We are starting the week with a **'Match the Staff to their Book'** quiz **from Monday**. Staff members will bring in books to represent their interests and favourite authors or genres. These will be on display all week and the children will be able to complete a quiz form and post it for a **grand draw on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March!**
- **We are launching our BRONZE – SILVER – GOLD READING CHALLENGE for ALL OUR CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Parents will be sent a pamphlet outlining the details of the challenge. **We already have a handful of children who have started and completed the reading challenge when it was launched previously. Now the challenge is for everyone to get their name on our READING CHALLENGE DISPLAY BOARD!**
- The children will enjoy a focus on reading, and reading for enjoyment, which will include dedicated school ERIC time (Everyone Reading In Class). The children and staff will need to stop whatever they are doing at the sound of a bell to mark 10 minutes of dedicated ERIC time! 
- The children are invited to **come to school dressed in their favourite book character** to mark World Book Day **on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March!** We are looking forward to working out who's who!
- We have a visiting author, **Linda Chapman**, in school **on World Book Day**. Linda will run workshops for classes where she will share with the children her work as an author and promote the importance of reading.
- Our parents and children are invited **to a special storytelling hour led by Linda Chapman** with an option of two sessions after school, **3.15pm and 5.15pm in the school hall**. Please complete the reply slip attached and return it to school **by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** to book your preferred family storytelling session. Children attending the 5.30pm session are invited to come in their pyjamas, with a blanket and a teddy for maximum comfort! Parents will be required to attend the storytelling sessions with their children. Children attending the 3.15pm session are welcome to bring a blanket and a teddy. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies on each of the storytelling sessions.

### Launch of our After-School Clubs:

We have had an excellent start to the after school clubs which began this week! Thank you to our parents for supporting this extended provision for our children and for ensuring payments have been made on time as requested. We look forward to sourcing a wider range of after school clubs for the summer term.

Mr O'Connor - our specialist PE coach - is leaving the company he works for to start a new role at the end of this week. Our new PE coach will be joining the school from next week and will take over the after school multisports clubs too. We wish Mr O'Connor well in his new role.

### Headteacher's Tea Party:

Schools are about children! Pupil voice is an important part of gauging the quality and impact of the work of the school. We held our first Headteacher's Tea Party this week, which involved 6 pupils from Year 6 who were invited to tea. This provided a space for quality time and conversation with the children. The children were a credit to the school! I look forward to holding the Headteacher's Tea Party weekly. We will be inviting children to the tea party using register order, a class at a time, starting with Year 6. Children attending the tea party on the Wednesday of each week will be sent an invitation on a Monday.

### Red Nose Day:

We will be supporting the **Red Nose Day Appeal on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** as follows:

- The children are invited to come to school dressed in anything red and make **a donation of 50p for their non-uniform day**.
- The children will be able to purchase **a range of red snacks at break time for a donation of 50p**. We will be selling red apples, strawberries and red grapes in a cup, Maltesers and Babybel cheese...hopefully something to suit all tastes! Please ensure you speak to your child's class teacher if your child has any allergies to the food options listed.

### Swimming:

**Swimming has been cancelled next week** in light of our children getting dressed for World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. **The last swimming session for this academic year is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Teacher Training Day:

School will be closed to the children for a teacher training day **on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. The focus of this day will be a review of the school's science, history and geography curriculum.

We have reviewed the teaching approaches used for the teaching of mathematics, reading and writing on our last Teacher Training Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The Teaching Assistant Team received training on Drawing and Talking Therapy which is used to support the personal, social and emotional needs of children. Parents of children identified for Drawing and Talking Therapy this term will be informed prior to any participation in the programme.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Powar

Interim Head of School

**Family Storytelling Session – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**We would like to book the following session for the Family Storytelling session run by Linda Chapman:**

**3.15pm**

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**5.15 pm**

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Name(s) of children attending:

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Signature of parent:

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**Please return this reply slip to the school office by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**