

Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted

As you know we recently had a monitoring visit from Ofsted. This was a two-day inspection, designed to look at all areas of the school to see if we are making progress towards the removal of special measures.

We are currently waiting for a report of the visit to be published by Ofsted. As soon as we have the report we will share it with the school community.

I'd like to thank all the staff who are working incredibly hard to ensure we make progress and improve the education and support we provide for our children.



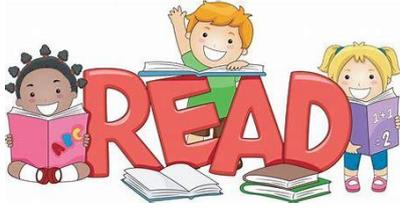
Red Nose Day

A massive thank you to our children, staff and community for taking part in Red Nose Day with such enthusiasm. The school was filled with fun and laughter and jokes were shared across the school and in assemblies. My favourite joke came from one of the Reception classes.

Joke: What did the traffic lights say to the car?
Don't look I'm changing.

We managed to raise an amazing **£1447** which resulted in many teachers, including myself, getting pied.





Reading at Cuckoo Hall Academy

It was lovely to see so many parents at our recent reading workshops. Feedback shows that you have found them helpful.

Following on from the meeting we have been very busy in school organising the children's new home-school reading books and we have launched these with children in Y1 and Y2. Letters came home last week explaining the new system and highlighting the need to look after the books; if they are lost a £5 fine must be paid so we can replace them.

Please have a look in your child's book bag as they will have a new colour coded book from class to read at home with you. Please write a comment in the child's orange reading log or please sign your name when you have read at home with your child. An adult in school will monitor this and follow up with parents to ensure all children are reading at home. More books are ordered and we will roll out our new home-reading approach in the coming weeks to the rest of the school. Happy reading!

Sex and Relationship Education- September 2020

I have received a few inquiries this week about the Government's new Relationship and Sex Education guidance that has been published and in the news. This is a move from the Government to make RSE a statutory part of the curriculum from September 2020.

Please don't panic about this because we already cover many aspect of RSE currently in school. We teach children about relationships, safety and well-being throughout our PSHE lessons. We also teach, through Science, aspects of reproduction in plants and animals including humans. In year five and year six we also teach children about how their bodies change, puberty and how babies are made.

In the new guidance it clearly states that parents have the right to withdraw their children from parts of the RSE curriculum, such as sex education in primary. This too is currently the school's practice. There are new aspects to the RSE curriculum that we need time to look at and consider. However, we won't implement this until we have agreed an approach and created a policy to deliver across the school in an age appropriate manner. Once the school has developed an approach, in the next academic year, we will hold a curriculum meeting for parents to attend so you can understand what will be taught and why.



Daffodil Breakfast R-Y2

To celebrate the start of Spring we will be introducing Daffodil breakfast for the first time at Cuckoo Hall.

This involves all children from Reception to Y2, coming together to share a lovely breakfast together and talk about the signs they see in the environment that tell us Spring has started. Children will enjoy sharing food, looking at some beautiful spring flowers and talking with their adults. This will take place on **Thursday 4th April at 9am** in the school dinner hall. A separate letter will be sent to the year groups involved.

Parent Consultation

I look forward to seeing you all during parent consultation on Thursday 28th March. The online booking is now closed but if you haven't made an appointment yet there's still time. Please speak with the class teacher who will be able to allocate you a slot.

School Holidays

Just a reminder that school will be closed on **Friday 5th April at 1:30pm** and we reopen on **Wednesday 24th April at 8:45am**.

I wish you all a great Spring Break.

Kind Regards

Nicky Ross