



## Top tip

When listening to your child read; why not try alternating the amount they read between the two of you? By doing this, the child will benefit from having reading modelled by an experienced reader which will help them to improve their fluency and expression. Give it a try.

## Dear Parents and Carers, Roll Up Roll Up the Circus is coming!!

Don't forget to order your Circus tickets before the price goes up!! See posters around the school for details.

## Near Misses.

We have recently been made aware that Parents are parking on the pavements near the school and mounting the pavements when dropping off and picking up their children. As this is extremely dangerous and can be upsetting to the children and pedestrians, please can you ensure that this is not done and that you park in a suitable, safe place when bringing your children to and from school. Thank you

## World Book Day

This week, the children were involved in lots of activities centred around books. We had our annual Reading Breakfast; we had children dressed up as a book characters; we had Spelling Bee competitions (Well done to our winners, Jack KS1 and Nancy KS2) and the story-telling sessions that many of you came to this afternoon. This week is always a highlight for me as it is a chance to really indulge in all things reading—more than we do normally. Look out for the book vouchers that all the children will be bringing home with them, giving you £1 off a new book. Photos of the week's event will follow in the next newsletter. I would like to thank Miss Wise for organising the week.

## Relief Staff required

We are currently looking for relief staff to assist when required for our Cleaning Team and Mid-Day Assistants. If you are interested please contact the office for more details.

## Breakfast club

As our Breakfast club is becoming so popular please can you book a place for your child in advance to ensure that there is space available. Please do not just turn up on the morning.

## Cross Country competition 3rd March

Last Tuesday, 23 children from the cross country club (years 3-6) took part in an Inter-School X-country competition at the Castle View School. They all did very well and we had some notable finishing places. I would like to congratulate all of the children who took part and competed hard against all of the other schools. The children have been turning up to cross-country club every Monday morning for the past several weeks to improve their stamina and technique and all have made great progress! I would particularly like to say well done to Hollie in Year 5 who came 4th overall. Mrs Grayland will continue with the 'running club' on Monday mornings for those who wish to carry on and also open it up to anyone else who may be interested. This is open for years 3-6.

## Football Club

Football club has re-started with Mr King on Monday afternoons after School, for years 3-6. All you budding Beckhams are welcome! Don't forget your football kit including studs and shin pads!

## Netball Club

Miss Wise has now re-started and the team are straight into action with a game against South Benfleet on Thursday the 12th March. There will be no training this day but we would like it if you could stay and cheer the team on.

## Weekly results

**Attendance League**  
Well done to Dali Class for winning the attendance league for this week

Class	Result	League points
Turner	93%	0
Picasso	95.17%	6
Matisse	92.33%	2
Monet	93.04%	1
Hockney	96.43%	4
Goldsworthy	94.23%	0
Dali	98.62%	7
Whole school % since the start of the year	<b>95.76%</b>	<b>Lead Class Dali</b>

## Diary dates

11th Mar	KS2 Graffiti workshop
12th Mar	Netball match against South Benfleet 'home'
13th Mar	Red Nose Day
27th Mar	Last day of term
29th Apr	School Photos

We are often asked how parents can help develop the reading skills of children who are already fluent readers. The best way is to share books with your child, listening to him/her read but more importantly discussing the text with him/her and by careful questioning.

I have put together some questions, which I hope you will find useful. It is not necessary to ask every question each time your child reads, but pick one or two questions each time.

1. What has happened in the story so far?
2. What do you think will happen next?
3. Who is your favourite character? Why?
4. Who is the character you like least? Why?
5. Do you think the author intended you to like / dislike this character?
6. Does your opinion of this character change during the story? How? Why?
7. Find 2 things the author wrote about this character that made him / her likeable or unlikeable?
8. If you met one of the characters from the story, what would you say to him / her?
9. Which part of the story is your favourite / least favourite? Why?
10. Would you change any part of the story? How?
11. Would you change any of the characters? How?
12. Which part of the story was the funniest, scariest, saddest, and happiest?  
Find some evidence in the text to support your opinion.
13. Do you think the title of the book is appropriate? What would you have called it?
14. What is the genre of the book: - Sci-Fi, Who done it, historical, fantasy, adventure, horror, comedy?
15. Find 2 sentences, which describe the setting.
16. Is the plot fast or slow moving? Find some evidence in the text, which supports your view.
17. If the author had included another paragraph before the story started what do you think it would say?
18. Would you like to read another book by this author? Why?

I hope you find these questions helpful. Happy reading!