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'Sing a new song to the Lord. All you people of the earth, sing to the Lord' Psalm 96 v 1

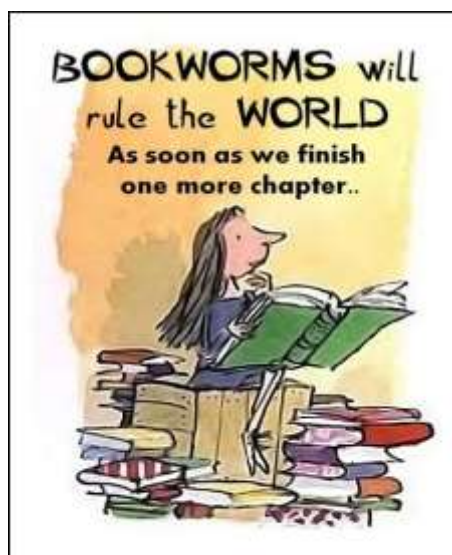
Great to meet the Pre-School and Year R parents this week. We hope that you enjoyed the evening and helping us to build new relationships with each other 😊 - Dave

- 1. Parent View Questionnaire:** Please see the letter attached -we need your help!
- 2. Pulford Pirates Friendly Match:** Tomorrow (Saturday 25th September) we will be hosting a friendly with Mary Bassett. Please remember to arrive 15 minutes earlier than the usual training time. Children can wear their PE tops if they would like and Mr Dunstan will have bibs for the session. The office team are looking into football strips for this year and will let parents know more as soon as we can. Enjoy the match!
- 3. Starting School: If your child was born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/18 it is now time to start considering main school.** Please remember there are no automatic transfers from pre-school to lower school. Applications must be received by Central Bedfordshire Admissions by 15th January 2022 for Lower and Middle School Applications. Applications can be made online via www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions . If you or anyone that you know would like a visit to the main school, please contact the office for more information.
- 4. Transferring to Middle School, Calling all Y4 Families:** It is time to think about your child's next school! All Y4 families will find a leaflet with full details of dates for visits. Applications can be made online via www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and must be received by Central Bedfordshire Admissions by 15th January 2022.
- 5. School Uniform Stock:** We are awaiting more stock of 9-10yr sized jumpers. We will let you know when these are back in stock.
- 6. Flu Immunisations:** Due to the start of the 12-15yr old Covid vaccinations, our original date of 30th September is unlikely to go ahead. As soon as we get a new date from the immunisation team we will let families know. Forms will be coming home via the children's black bag today. Please complete and return these to the office as soon as possible.
- 7. Calling All Morrison Shoppers:** We have signed up for the 'It's Good To Grow' campaign – when you are shopping please select us to receive the virtual vouchers on the Morrisons App. *Thank you!*
- 8. Lunch and Pre-School Fees:** To avoid getting a call from the office team, please pop to the office to pay any outstanding fees for this half term. If you are unsure of how much to pay please ask.
- 9. From Pearson.com: The Importance of Reading:** As parents, we all want the best for our children. We're probably all aware that it's important to make sure they are confident, fluent readers who enjoy reading, but often it's hard to know where to start. Should you read to your baby? What can you do to help get your children familiar with words and reading before school? And how do you help them progress at school when the teaching is different nowadays? The link below gives lots of hints and tips for helping your child learn to read and how to support them.

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/top-10-tips-to-help-children-enjoy-reading.html>

Here are their top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading:

- 1. Make books part of your family life** – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
- 2. Join your local library** – Get your child a library card. You'll find the latest videogames, blu-rays and DVDs, plus tons and tons of fantastic books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
- 3. Match their interests** – Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- 4. All reading is good** – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
- 5. Get comfortable!** – Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
- 6. Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
- 7. Read whenever you get the chance** – Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
- 8. Read again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
- 9. Bedtime stories** – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
- 10. Rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.



Have a lovely weekend!