



Weekly Newsletter 13

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Patience

The children were on the golden table this week for being able to demonstrate patience; something that many people find hard. As we move towards our Christmas celebrations in full swing we know children find it difficult to control their emotions, are tired from being at school all term and are often over excited by the expectations of Christmas. Continue to hear your children read at home, the small regular tasks help the children to remain in routine and will support them in school. The town library is offering a fun reading challenge during the Christmas holidays also.



The Winter Mini Challenge 2018

The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep reading through the winter holidays by rewarding them for reading and reviewing three books.

This year we are thrilled to partner with publisher **Nosy Crow** for an extra special challenge inspired by *There's A Yeti in the Playground!*, the hilarious new book from Blue Peter Award winners Pamela Butchart and Thomas Flintham.

Taking part online

To take part in the Mini Challenge, children simply read three books of their choice, then rate and review them online at www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk (This website will take you to our year-round children's website).

The Challenge starts on Saturday 1 December 2018 and finishes on Friday 11 January 2019, so there's plenty of time to get involved!

Everyone who completes the challenge can be entered into a special prize draw at Rothwell Library if they wish. Rothwell Library will accept entries in to the prize draw until Friday 25th January.

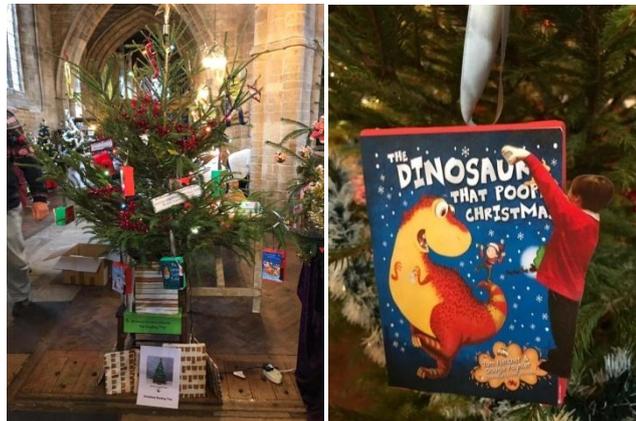
Books added to the website during this period will count towards unlocking the Mini Challenge rewards: a special certificate to print off and keep and a Winter Challenge badge that will appear on the user's website profile. The website will also feature printable activities and recommendations for great winter reads. For even more suggestions, try the Book Sorter, our unique database of children's peer-to-peer recommendations. All the books it recommends have been rated and reviewed by children using the website.

The Reading Agency is a national charity that tackles life's big challenges through the proven power of reading. We work closely with partners to develop and deliver programmes for people of all ages and backgrounds. The Reading Agency is funded by Arts Council England. www.readingagency.org.uk

The Reading Agency has run Chatterbooks, the UK's largest network of children's reading groups, since 2001. Reading for pleasure has more impact on children's success than education or social class; Chatterbooks groups, which are run in libraries and schools, help children develop a lifelong reading habit. Chatterbooks is a flexible model that can be used with children from 4 to 12, for all different abilities and in targeted or mixed groups. Find out more about the programme and access free activities and resources here: <http://readingagency.org.uk/chatterbooks/>

Gala Night and Christmas Tree Festival

The Infant and Junior Schools have got a stall at Gala night. We would love to see you there. The decorated jars will be on our tombola stall, along with other bottles. For £1 you get a prize every time. The winners of the decorated jars have received their prize today. Well done Sophia, Mantenso, Beau, Cooper and Joshua!



Parking

The school have received complaints from local residents about where some of our parents are parking when dropping off and collecting children. Please consider where you park and leave your vehicle. Police have recently provided a large banner which we are displaying- whilst we appreciate you all wish to ensure your children arrive on time, dry and not too tired from walking a long way, please could we urge families to walk to school where possible. We have secure storage for children who prefer to use their scooter to come to school. Last year we had the fire engine manoeuvre through School Lane during a busy time of day to demonstrate the difficulties they experience. Police are aware that issues have been reported- Please park responsibly, especially during the upcoming festivities, and the darker nights.

Wishing Tree

After Christmas we will be setting up a wishing tree outside the school where friends and families can grant our wishes by helping us. There will be requests for specific items and a range of ideas. Before that though we are in need of spare pants, socks and trousers of all sizes. When children have accidents at school we try to change

and provide clean clothes and our stocks are becoming depleted.

Our Reception, Nursery and Year 1 classes are also in need of any spare nails, screws, bolts and washers for their tinker table areas. Have a look in your garden sheds and stores to see if you have any we could use.

Christmas Plays

Hopefully you have all received your tickets for the Christmas plays. We are restricted on space in the hall and only give out the number of tickets for the space we can safely have under fire regulations. We cannot permit anyone without a ticket, this includes siblings. Our young children only have one chance to perform and whilst we appreciate finding child care is difficult we would ask that parents do not bring very small children to the performances. As ever we will issue reminders not to take videos and photographs unless you have signed the consent forms showing that you will not post on social media unless it shows your child alone.

Attendance and Punctuality

Year R - This week 96% This year 95%

Year 1- This week 94% This year 96%

Year 2- This week 97% This year 96%

Our whole school attendance is 95%

A reminder to ring the school number 01536 710363 to report absence; we no longer use the old primary contact services for receiving messages from parents. .

Dates:

For the most up to date set of dates please check the school facebook page and <http://rothwellschools.org.uk/> the new website.

Mrs Tighe