



Spring Term 2018

March into Reading

As we find ourselves half-way through the school year we still have much to look forward to. To continue our focus on reading next month we will be 'Marching into Reading!' with a series of events and activities to develop reading for pleasure. See the reading newsletter for more details.

We started our reading events before the holiday with a 'Bedtime Read'. We were delighted that this event was so well attended and such a lovely experience for all concerned. The children can't wait for another one!

Stay Safe On-line

Just before half-term was safer internet week and we reminded children of how to keep themselves safe when on-line and what to do if they were uncomfortable about anything that happened. Sadly there have been a number of recent incidents of strangers posing as friends trying to contact children and children sharing personal information. We have had particular issues with Apps such as Tango, Houseparty and Instagram. Please can I urge you to check your child's online presence and talk to them about the very real dangers of accepting friend requests from unknown people and sharing their own personal information. There is good advice for parents from the NSPCC at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>

New Fitness Equipment

We are delighted that our new fitness equipment has been installed, funded by a successful 'Awards for All' bid. The children have been learning how to use the equipment this week and will take it in turns at playtime. For health and safety reasons please can I ask that children do not use our play equipment before or after school as it will not have the required checks or supervision. Anyone using the equipment at these times does so at their own risk.



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Thanks to all of those who spoke to the HMI and took time to text him or complete the Parent View questionnaire. We are delighted that 98% of those who replied would recommend Woodhouse to another family and we look forward to sharing the final report with you soon



Bedtime Read

Midday Assistants

After saying goodbye to Mrs Sharpe and Miss Moss we are pleased to welcome new midday assistants Mrs Connor, Mrs Millward and Mrs Jones to join the team of Miss Masterson, Mrs Leytham, and Mrs Gupta. We would also like to congratulate Miss Walker on her recent marriage and she will now be known as Mrs Forsythe.

The midday assistants do an excellent job of keeping our children safe and happy at lunchtimes and we are very pleased to have such a great team.



PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for a series of successful recent events including yesterday's Cinema night, and thanks to those who support these events.

Money raised by the PTA enables us to enhance your child's experience at school by providing amongst other things, IT equipment, books and subsidies for trips. We are always looking for new volunteers and would urge you to give a little of your time to help at an event if you can.

There is lots more to come this term. Please see the calendar below for further details.



Thursday 1st March	World Book Day - see reading newsletter
Thursday 1st March	Year 2 Multi-skills Flixton Girls School
Tuesday 6th March	Parents' Evening 1
Thursday 8th March	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 9th March	Book Fair School Hall 3:30—4:00pm
Tuesday 13th March	Year 4 Visit to Manchester Museum
Tuesday 13th March	SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents 6:00pm
Wednesday 14th March	Year 1 Multi-Skills Flixton Girls School
Monday 19th March	Year 5 Royal Exchange rehearsal
Tuesday 20th March	Year 5 Performance of Hamlet—Royal Exchange
Tuesday 20th March	SATS meeting for Year 2 Parents 6:00pm
Monday 26th March	Easter Eggstravaganza—competition
Wednesday 28th March	Egg competition judging
Thursday 29th March	School closes for Easter holidays 3:30pm
Monday 16th April	School re-opens
Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th April	Year 5 Peak District Residential Visit
Thursday 3rd May	School Closed—Polling Day
Monday 14th May - Thursday 17th May	Key Stage 2 SATS
Friday 18th May	Year 3 Class Assembly 2:45pm
Friday 25th May	School closes for Whit holiday
Monday 11th June	School re-opens
Monday 11th June- Friday 15th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks