

## Reedley Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Bell



Friday, 22 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **School Closure**

Unfortunately we had no choice but to close school today. Reedley Road had thick ice on the road and pavement. You would have really struggled to access school by car or by walking. The car park and playgrounds were the same and the four members staff that made it in, had to hold onto the railing to prevent themselves from slipping over whilst walking. We could not have guaranteed the safety of the children getting in and out of school.

A number of people did not receive the message that we sent. Please ensure that the office have you up to date contact details as this is how we will inform you, if school ever has to close again.

I do not take decisions such as this lightly, as I am aware of the impact that a school closure has on families who have other commitments such as work, but we can only open the school if it is safe to do so.

In this circumstance, we aim to get the message to you all as soon as possible in the mornings, but it can take time to consider the options based on the conditions.

### **Attendance**

**Red Fox Y4P (97.1%) and Beavers Y3E (96.1%) met the target of 96% attendance this week.**

Overall our school attendance was 93.2% this week.

Children do not receive an absence mark for Friday as the school was closed.

RAH 24 Ducklings	● 90.8%
RCK 24 Chicks	● 92.1%
Y1IL 24 Kingfisher	● 95.2%
Y1LC 24 Heron	● 94.5%
Y2JC 24 Coot	● 94.5%
Y2US 24 Swan	● 95.8%
Y3LV 24 Mink	● 95.7%
Y3RE 24 Beavers	● 96.1%
Y4EP 24 Red Fox	● 97.1%
Y4ER 24 Otter	● 94.9%
Y5CH 24 Ephemeroptera	● 94.3%
Y5JT 24 Dragonfly	● 95.3%
Y6CE 24 Hydrometra Stag...	● 94.9%
Y6VH 24 Phantom Midge ...	● 94.6%

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### **Reporting Absences**

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please use Studybugs to report the absence. You can download the Studybugs App on your phone. This enters the mark directly into the school register and the system can send you NHS advice on your child's condition. You may get a call back from school, especially if they are absent for more than one day, to check how they are.



You might also receive messages from Studybugs directly to your phone. This will inform you of current attendance levels, inform you if your child's attendance has dipped or congratulate your child's good or improving attendance.

### **Punctuality**

Please remember that children need to be in school by 8.50am. If they arrive late, you will now receive a text informing you of the late mark.

If your child arrives after 9.20am, they receive a U mark, which is recorded as a session of unauthorised absence.

Remember that 10 sessions of unauthorised absence could result in parents receiving a fine.

### **Recent Events**

- A number of parents were able to attend the KS2 Lego robotics course this week.



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- Sanderson's Dance worked with Y2 this week for their PE lessons.
- Y5H took part in a virtual author visit with Jacqueline Wilson.
- Y3 took part in the GULP programme again this week, promoting healthy choices. All of the children received a free water bottle.



### Events Coming Up

- **Non-Uniform day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** in return for donations of sweets and chocolate. Please ensure that all items sent into school are suitable for vegetarians and in date.



- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 & Y6 children are having an assembly related to Online Safety. Parents can also join by using this link <https://youtube.com/live/OtZQrNIRAY4?feature=share> If you would like to attend this session, please call or send a message to Mrs Iqbal, so we can have enough chairs set out in the hall for you.
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Lancashire Day – the children will all be discussing our county of Lancashire.
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Y2 will be taking part in a virtual author visit with Claire Freedman.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Y5T will take part in a virtual visit with author Emmanuel Asuquo.

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- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Y4, 5 and 6 will take part in an exciting sporting event in school. It is something we have never had before at Reedley and I am sure they will enjoy it.

### Nativity

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in our annual nativity show on

-Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 2.15pm

And

-Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 2.15pm

The Reception and Year 1 children are performing the nativity and Year 2 will be supporting with singing and each Y2 class will perform a song.

There is an allocation of 2 tickets for each child, which will cost £1 per ticket

Families can buy both tickets for one of the performances or you can choose to have one ticket for each of the two performances.

Tickets will be available to buy from your classteacher until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Tickets are limited to two per child due to fire regulations in the hall. However, if not all the tickets have been purchased by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, then the spare tickets will become available for families to purchase an additional ticket if they wish to.



### Awards

We had our first ever times table award in Reception last week. Aadam from Reception has now also achieved his Platinum Times Table Award.

### Communicating With School

These are the different communication methods we use for different purposes.



Please use Studybugs to inform us if your child is poorly



Please use School Spider to buy uniform, book parent evening meetings and to receive school newsletters.

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### Adult Learning



The Adult Learning service that have started running some courses in our school for families, offer training opportunities just for adults.

They offer free functional skills in Maths & English and digital classes in the community. See the links to book an assessment for these below if this is something that interests you.

Book a maths and English assessment – [| ontrack: Learner Hub \(nelsongroup.ac.uk\)](https://www.nelsongroup.ac.uk/ontrack/learnerhub)

Book a digital assessment – [| ontrack: Learner Hub \(nelsongroup.ac.uk\)](https://www.nelsongroup.ac.uk/ontrack/learnerhub)

### English for Speakers of Other Languages ESOL

If you know anyone who is interested in joining an ESOL class, sessions take place twice a week throughout the year. Before any learners can start a class you are asked to complete a short 45 minute ESOL assessment so they have a better understanding of your current ESOL level to help them place learners in the most suitable class.

To book an ESOL assessment, click the link to select the most suitable slot and you can filter by location. There are sessions that take place in Brierfield and Nelson.

[| ontrack: Learner Hub \(nelsongroup.ac.uk\)](https://www.nelsongroup.ac.uk/ontrack/learnerhub)

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### Key Dates

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Parents of Y5/6 invited to assembly on online safety
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Non uniform day – Please bring a donation of chocolate or sweets for the chocolate tombola for the Christmas Fair
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm YR, Y1, Y2 nativity – entry with tickets only
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair 3.45 – 4.45pm

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- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Children’s Christmas dinner
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas themed non-uniform day. Please bring £2 for school.
- **School will be closed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December for the Christmas holiday, and reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.**