



Lear 6KC Class Assembly William Shakespeare







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Congratulations to Y6 KC who presented a William Shakespeare. As well as sharing facts about Shakespeare's life, children also confidently performed excerpts from "Romeo and Juliet" and "Twelfth Night." Well done!

On Thursday both Y6 classes visied The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to watch a performance of "Romeo and Juliet" which they thoroughly enjoyed.

























On Thursday and Friday Y4 KJ and Y4 CD travelled to Priory House in Warwick for an action packed Anglo Saxon day. Pupils learnt about Anglo-Saxon place names and handled a range of artefacts as well as writing in runes and making a replica brooch. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and learnt a lot about this fascinating period of history.



Remembrance







Inspired by the work of designers Tom Piper and Paul Cummins who created the river of poppies displayed at The Tower of London, pupils have been working with artist, Ros Ingram this week. Ros has been helping children to use a potter's wheel in order to create ceramic poppies which will be painted and fired before being displayed in school.

The poppies are a mark of remembrance to service men and women who have fought or been injured through armed conflict.



Sydenham PTA needs you!

Your Time . Your Suggestions . Your Skills

Your Ideas . Your Enthusiasm . Your Help

We are lucky to have a very active school PTA (Parent Teachers Association) which is also a registered charity. We hold our Annual General Meeting each Autumn Term and welcome all parents. We raise funds to provide a variety of benefits for the children to enjoy at school.

Over the years the PTA have organised and funded many events along with providing additional equipment for the school. Events have included – Children's Discos, Magic Shows, Winter Fayre, Bingo Nights, Christmas Present Wrap Room and Jumble Sales to name a few.

The proceeds from these events have enabled us to provide new starters with a Bookbag each, Leaver's Gifts for Year 6, new reading books for the whole school, Early Excellence resources for Key Stage 1, new toys and games for use during Wet Play and much much more.

However, as our Year 6 pupils leave the school so do their parents, which is why we now need **new** parents with **new** and exciting ideas, to take the PTA forward and enjoy further success.

We hold our AGM (Annual General Meeting) in October and have termly meetings where we discuss events, fundraising opportunities and how to spend our money! Please come along to our AGM on Wednesday 24th October and find out about our future plans and have your say!

Dates for your diary

AGM - Wednesday 24th October 2018

Come along to hear our plans for the school year and if you have any ideas or suggestions for events we could do or areas we could spend the funds, we would love to hear them.

Christmas Present Wrap Room - 10th, 11th and 12th December 2018

Our Christmas Present Wrap Room is always very popular. It is held during the school day and we bring each class to the Present Wrap Room to choose from a wide variety of gifts. They then select who it's for and we help them wrap it, they then bring it home in time for Christmas Day.

Help we need - If you are free on the above dates and would like to help the children wrap presents please let us know!

Jumble Sale - November (Date TBC)

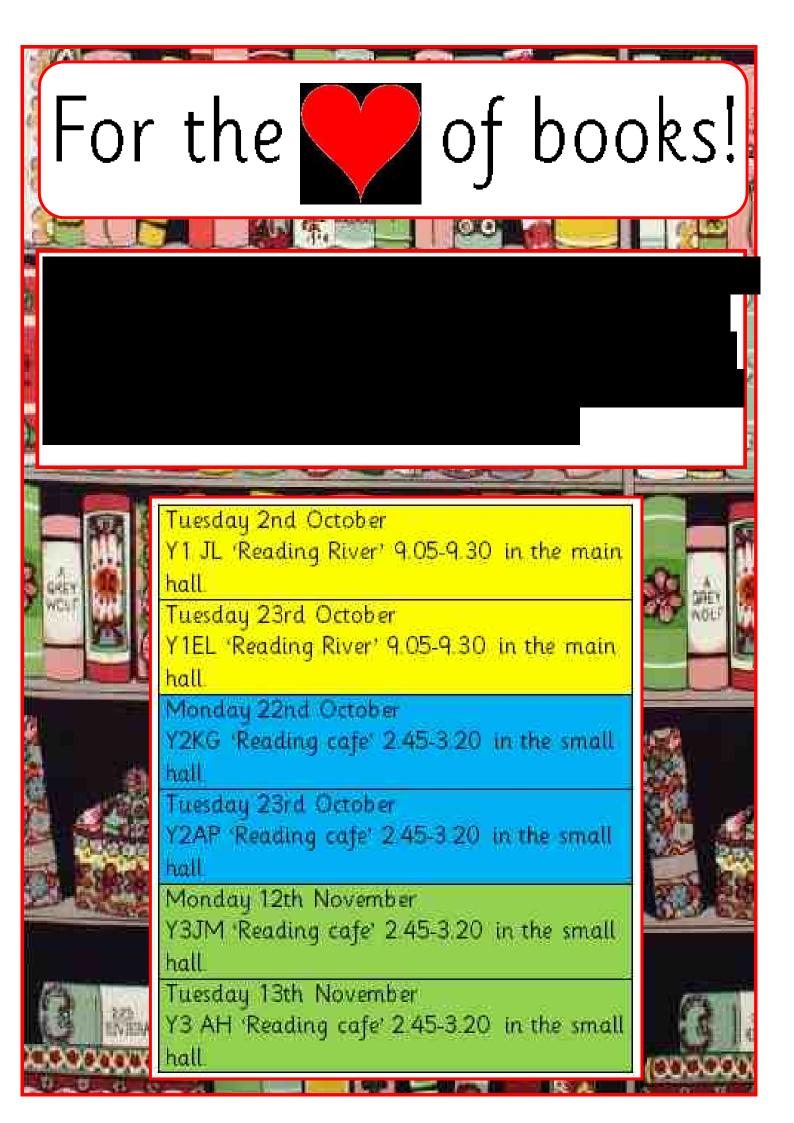
We are also considering holding a Jumble Sale in November and a Disco in January. These events cannot go ahead without enough volunteers to help out.

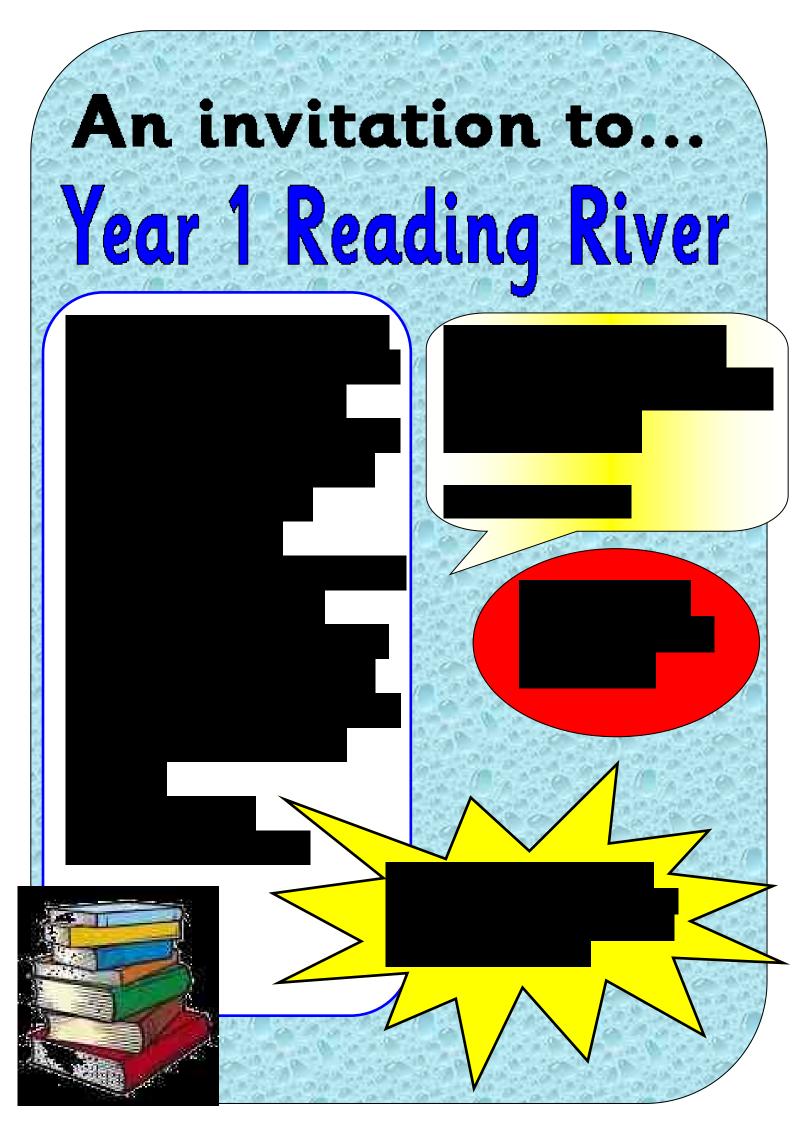
Help we need - If you would be willing to help set up or sell at the Jumble Sale please get in touch.

Disco – January 2019 (Date TBC)

Help we need - If you'd like to put on your dancing shoes and help supervise the children at the Disco we would love to hear from you!

To help keep you informed of events and the latest updates, the PTA have a Facebook page which can be found at <u>www.facebook.com/groups/sydenhampta</u>. Once you request to join the group, an admin will approve you and you will be able to see all the posts. If you feel you can help in any way, please contact us via email at <u>sydenhampta@outlook.com</u> or alternatively leave your details with someone in the school office and the PTA will be in touch! Many thanks!





Healthy Lunch Boxes



Eating a balanced diet is vital for healthy childhood development. Good nutrition also aids concentration and helps children to fulfil their academic potential.

Packing a healthy lunch that your child will eat can sometimes be a challenge as a parent/carer! However, we would encourage you to persevere with healthy choices wherever possible.

Top Tips:

When you are making your child's lunch, please remember that sweets such as jelly beans and lollipops are not allowed in school It is also wise to limit the amount of sugary treats to one, small item. **Your child will also need a drink in their lunchbox** such as milk, water or fruit juice—this is in addition to the water bottle they keep in the classroom.





UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 24 (Health.)

Reception Parent's Evening

Your child will bring home a letter next week informing you that Reception parents/carers are invited to meet with their class teachers on either Tuesday 23rd October (between 3.30pm and 5.30pm) or Thursday 25th October (between 3.30pm and 7.00pm.)

Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter expressing your preferred date and time by Friday 5th October 2018. Once all the slips are collected, we will inform you of your individual appointment time.

Please note that our Y1—Y6 Parent's Evenings are being held on different dates— see the diary section of this newsletter.



Well done to YR RK, Y3 AH and Y4 CD who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 99%

Attendance for other classes this week was as

follows:		
Y1 EL	98%	
Y4 KJ	98%	
Y1 JL	97%	
Y5 CB	97%	
Y2 AP	96%	
Y6 JB	96%	
Y3 JM	95%	
YR AH	94%	
Y6 KC	94%	
Y5 JvS	93%	
Y2 KG	89%	

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%. Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 3 (Best Interests of the Child.)

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Please note that diary dates are correct at the time of publication but they are subject to change, sometimes at short notice, due to matters beyond our control.

Tuesday 25th September 2018	Y2 KG (Miss Gillespie) class assembly at 10.15am in the hall (please note the later time.)
Tuesday 25th September 2018	Artist, Ros Ingram, working with Y5.
Wednesday 26th September 2018	Individual school photographs.
Friday 28th September 2018	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—children must bring 50p to wear their own clothes.
Friday 28th September 2018	YR AH Welcome Meeting at 9.15am in the green, outdoor classroom.
Tuesday 2nd October 2018	Y1 JL Reading River at 9.15am in the hall—Y1 JL parents and carers welcome.
Tuesday 2nd October 2018	Artist, Ros Ingram, working with Y4.
Week beginning Monday 8th October 2018	Shakespeare Week—"A Comedy of Errors."
Tuesday 9th October 2018	York Waits concert for KS2 pupils (Renaissance music.)
Tuesday October 9th 2018	Artist, Ros Ingram, working with Y3.
Wednesday 10th September 2018	Y2 visit to The Motor Museum at Gaydon.
Wednesday 10th October 2018	Y6 JB class assembly at 9.15am in the hall (change of date due to the York Waits concert.)
Monday 22nd October 2018	Y2 KG Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall— Y2 KG parents/carers are invited to attend.
Tuesday 23rd October 2018	Parent's Evening (YR only) from 3.20pm—5.30pm.
Thursday 25th October 2018	Parent's Evening (YR only) from 3.30pm—7.00pm.

Tuesday 23rd October 2018	Y1 EL Reading River at 9.15am in the hall—Y1 EL Parents/carers are invited to attend.
Tuesday 23rd October 2018	Y2 AP Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall—Y2 AP parents/carers are invited to attend.
Wednesday 24th October 2018	PTA AGM at 6.00pm—all welcome.
Thursday 25th October 2018	Open Morning for prospective Reception parents 2019/20 at 10.00am.
Friday 26th October 2018	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day—children must bring 50p to wear their own clothes

Half-term holiday from Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November 2018

Monday 5th November 2018	Children return to school.
Monday 5th November 2018	Y6 Warwick District Council visit.
Friday 9th November 2018	Y5 CB perform "The Armed Man" at Warwick Arts' Centre—more information soon.
Monday 12th November 2018	Y3 JM Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall –Y3 JM parents/carers are invited to attend.
Tuesday 13th November 2018	Y3 AH Reading Cafe at 2.45pm in the small hall –Y3 AH parents/carers are invited to attend.
Week beginning Monday 19th November 2018	Language of the Week—Hungarian.
Tuesday 20th November 2018	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 2019/20
Friday 23rd November 2018	School closed for staff training (INSET) - Talk for Writing training, led by Pie Corbett.
Monday 26th November 2018	School closed for staff training (INSET) - Child Protection training, led by Adrian Over.
Wednesday 28th November 2018	Parent's Evening for Y1—6 from 3.30—7.00pm.
Thursday 29th November 2018	Parent's Evening for Y1—6 from 3.30—5.30pm.
Monday 3rd December 2018	Christmas Crafternoon for Reception families.
Wednesday 5th December 2018	Y2 Christmas show at 9.30am.

Wednesday 5th—Friday 7th December 2018	Y6 residential visit to Marle Hall, Wales.
Monday 10th—Wednesday 12th December 2018	PTA Present Wrap Room
Wednesday 12th December 2018	Y1 Christmas show at 9.30am.
Thursday 13th December 2018	Flu immunisation for pupils in YR—5.
Thursday 13th December 2018	Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit to Warwick Arts' Centre to see "Wilde Creatures" (1.30pm performance.)
Friday 14th December 2018	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 visit to The Birmingham Repertoty Theatre to see "The Wizard of Oz."
Monday 17th December 2018	Christmas luch and Christmas jumper day.
Tuesday 18th December 2018	KS1 Christmas parties (PM.)
Wednesday 19th December 2018	KS2 Christmas parties (PM.)
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Reception Nativity at 9.30am.
Thursday 19th December 2018	Y3/4 carol concert at 2.15pm
Friday 21st December 2018	Y5/6 carol concert at 9.30am.
Friday 21st December 2018	Break up for the Christmas holiday.

Christmas holiday from Monday 24th December 2018 to Monday 4th January 2019 (Children return to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.)

Please note that school is closed for staff training (INSET) on Monday 7th January— online training on health and safety, forced marriage and honour based violence, female genital mutilation and safeguarding.



See you all on Monday. Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand (Associate Headteachers)