

# 123 Food Learning Through Cookery



A group of Reception pupils had great fun developing their Maths skills with their parents/carers at our free "123 Food" course this week. The course was run by The Family Learning Service and involved the practical application of skills such as reading numbers and measuring. What a great way to learn!

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Article 29: Goals of Education



# Helping your Child with Reading



Thank you to all the Reception parents/carers who attended our reading workshop this morning. A love of books and reading is one of the best gifts you can give your child so it was wonderful to see you all there.

At the session, Miss Knight modelled the different ways you can help your child with their early reading. These included:

- Asking your child to predict the story using only the pictures.
- Pre-teaching tricky words such as “the” or the character names.
- Sounding out the letter sounds (stretching out the word.)
- Blending the letter sounds to make a recognisable word .
- Playing games using the text such as “Eye Spy.”
- Re-reading whole sentences.
- Matching the letter name (grapheme) to the sound it makes (phoneme.)

## New Reading Resources

We have just invested in lots of new reading resources including sets of books matched to different levels of phonic awareness. These books will be taken home by children in Reception and Key Stage One.



Please see the information on the next two pages if you would like more guidance about reading with your child.

## Floppy's Phonics



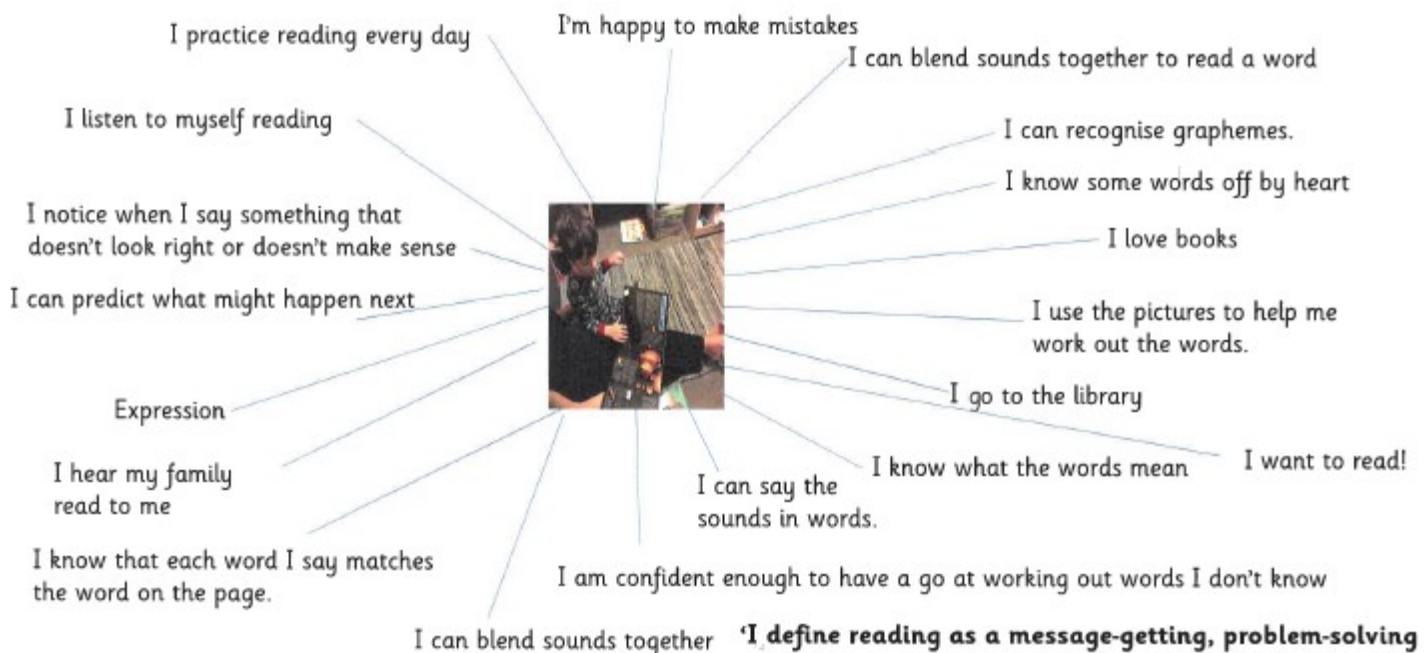
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Article 3: Best Interests of the Child



# To be an effective reader:

## Reading with your child



**'I define reading as a message-getting, problem-solving activity that increases in power and flexibility the more it is practiced....' (Marie Clay: 1991)**

## Step by step

Talk about the pictures



Reading finger



Spot and remember repeating words like 'I'.



Sound out and blend. (If your child can't blend when they say the sounds, you say the sounds and they blend) c-a-t...cat

Repeat  the words your child has blended (get them to do this when they are confident)

Re-read  the whole sentence (you first then your child) with expression!





# Anti-Bullying Week

Our Anti Bullying Ambassadors are currently very busy making plans for Anti-Bullying Week which starts in school on Monday 25th November. At Sydenham, we make every effort to nurture positive relationships and teach children the skills they need to peacefully resolve friendship disputes. We aim for every child to feel valued, respected and included and, as a result, bullying in school is rare. However, if you are concerned about bullying or cyber-bullying, there is lots of advice available at the following website:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

## Our School's Anti-Bullying Pledge

We pledge that we will not tolerate bullying.

We are all different. Our differences are wonderful and should be celebrated.

If we respect one another, praise one another and are kind to one another we can beat the bullies.

We will not stand by and watch other people being bullied.

We will not laugh, giggle or ignore bullying.

We will not point, stare or whisper about bullying because this shows that we agree with the bully.

We will not like any mean posts on websites.

We won't tolerate bullying because we are "do something people" not "do nothing people."

We won't stand by we will stand up.



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Article 19: Protection from Violence and Abuse

# DARE TO BE DIFFERENT MUFTI (NON-UNIFORM) DAY

Do you DARE to come to school looking a little bit different?

Help to raise money for the charity "Young Minds" by dressing up and bringing 50p on Friday 29th November. Paint your face, change your hair colour, wear your pyjamas, come in disguise—the choice is yours!



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

**Sydenham Primary School**

**presents:**



# **The Nativity**

**on Wednesday 4th December at 9.30am**

**in the school hall.**

**All Reception parents and carers are invited to attend  
this lovely performance in the school hall.**

**Complimentary refreshments will be served after the  
show.**

**Please complete the slip on the letter sent home today  
to confirm your attendance.**



A blue night sky with a large white star and many smaller stars. In the foreground, silhouettes of a nativity scene are shown on a dark hill. On the left, three camels are walking. On the right, a donkey stands near a manger where Mary and Joseph are kneeling. Two palm trees are on the far right.

# Christmas Concerts 2019

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend  
their child's Christmas carol concert on the  
following dates in the school hall:

**Wednesday 11th December: Years One and Two from  
9.30—10.15am.**

**Thursday 12th December: Years Three and Four from  
2.00—2.30pm.**

**Friday 13th December: Years Five and Six from 2.00—  
2.30pm.**

Year 6 recorders will also be playing at ASDA in aid of  
Myton Hospice on Thursday 19th December from  
1.45—2.45pm.

# Father Christmas



**On Friday 13th December we will be taking children in Reception, Year One and Year Two to Warwick Arts' Centre to watch a performance of "Father Christmas" by Raymond Briggs. Please see the letter sent home in book bags for more information.**

Join Santa as he awakes from a dream of sun, sea and sand only to find it is the busiest day of the year: Christmas Eve.

Watch as he prepares his Christmas deliveries, feeds his reindeer and finally takes flight into the snowy night.

This heart-warming adaptation is full of merry touches with plenty of live music, songs and playful puppetry. It's a perfect introduction to theatre for young children who won't be able to look away as secret doors and hidden hatches are revealed in this beautifully visual show.

**"Magnificent"** ★★★★★ The Observer

**"Magical"** ★★★★★ The Upcoming

## YR/1/2 Christmas Theatre Trip

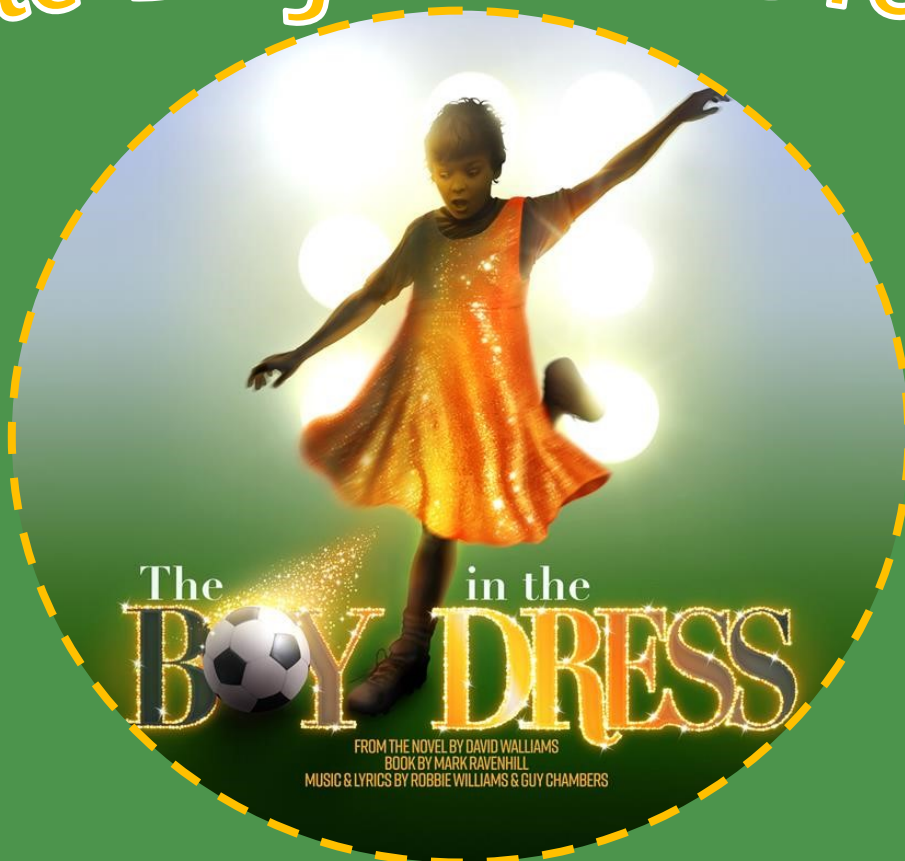
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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture





# The Boy in the Dress



**On Wednesday 15th January, we will be taking children in years 3/4/5/6 to The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see a production of David Walliams', "The Boy in the Dress."**  
**Please see the letter sent home in book bags for more information.**

Dennis is 12 years old and his school football team's star striker. But when Mum leaves home, life is tough. The only reminder Dennis has of Mum is a photo of her in a beautiful yellow dress. A dress rather like the one on the cover of *Vogue* on sale at Raj's newsagents. And also a bit like the one that Lisa James, the coolest girl in the school, is sketching in her note book. What do you do if you like both football and dresses? And what will Mr Hawtrey the headteacher do when he discovers that his strict uniform code has been broken by a boy in a dress?

David Walliams' heart-warming comedy is brought to the stage for the first time in a musical with all new songs from Robbie Williams and Guy Chambers, script by former RSC playwright in residence Mark Ravenhill and in a production for all the family directed by RSC Artistic Director Gregory Doran.

## KS2 Theatre Trip



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# Y1/2 Family Christmas Crafts

Your child should have brought home a letter explaining that we are running a FREE Christmas craft session for families in Years One and Two in collaboration with The Family Learning Service.

The session will take place on Thursday 12th December from 9.15—10.45am. It will be a lovely opportunity for parents/carers to spend time in school with their child making Christmas cards and decorations.

Places on the session are limited so please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter to express your interest.

If possible, please do **not** bring pre-school siblings with you to the session as this takes up a space that could otherwise be offered to a child in school. If you do not have any childcare please be aware that you will be responsible for supervising any younger children you bring to the session.

## Free Session for Parents/Carers and their Child



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Article 331: Leisure, Play and Culture

# Christmas Lunch

We are serving a delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday December 17th. The following information explains how to order a meal for your child:

## **Reception/KS1 Christmas Dinner**

The Christmas lunch is free of charge for all pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two. Please log in to your Parent Pay account by Wednesday 27th November and give consent under the *KS1 Christmas Dinner* item in order to book your child's meal.

## **KS2 Christmas Dinner**

The Christmas lunch costs £2.25 per child for pupils in Years Three, Four, Five and Six. Please log in to your Parent Pay account by Wednesday 27th November and make payment under the *KS12 Christmas Dinner* item in order to book your child's meal.

For those children in KS2 who are entitled to a **free** school meal, we will automatically book your child a meal. Please contact the office by Wednesday 27th November if you DO NOT want your child to have a Christmas meal.

If your child normally has a school dinner every day that you pay for, we will not automatically assume they will be having a Christmas dinner on 17th December and consent/payment for this meal **MUST** be made separately using the appropriate payment item in Parent Pay.

**Please note that we cannot accept any requests after Wednesday 27th November as the school kitchen cannot place any late food orders.**

If your child is poorly on the day of the meal, unfortunately we cannot offer a refund as the food will already have been ordered.

Our Christmas dinner always proves to be a popular event and even if your child does not want a Christmas meal, we provide crackers and Christmas music for everyone.

**PLEASE SEE THE MENU ON THE NEXT PAGE**



# Christmas Lunch Menu



Roast turkey or Quorn fillet

Chipolata sausages

Roast potatoes

Seasonal vegetables

Stuffing

Gravy

Chocolate ice cream



**The PTA Present Wrap Room will be open  
for business from  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Children are, once again, invited to visit the Wrap Room to  
choose and wrap a gift for a loved one.**



**We are looking for new and unused items such as gift sets, mugs, toiletries,  
teddies and toys.**



**Please donate only clean and unbroken items.  
Drop off items at the office by the 16th of December.  
Thank you from the PTA team!**



# Thank You



Here's a quick snap of some of the books which we have funded through School Fund. Thank you for supporting our MUFTI Days and enabling us to purchase extra resources such as this.

# Diary Dates

Monday 25th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 26th November	Y5 CB class assembly at 9.15am. Y5 CB parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 26th November	YR LS visit to Leamington Art Gallery.
Friday 29th November	“Dare to be Different” MUFTI (non uniform) Day.
Wednesday 4th December	YR Nativity at 9.30am—YR parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 4th December	Parents’ Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.
Thursday 5th December	Parents’ Evening, 3.30—5.30pm.
Tuesday 10th December	YR Christmas Crafternoon, 2.00—3.00pm
Wednesday 11th December	Y1 and Y2 carol concert, 9.30—10.15am in the hall. All Y1/2 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 12th December	Y3/4 carol and recorder concert, 2.00—2.30pm in the hall. Please note the change of time.
Wednesday 11th December	Y1 and Y2 carol concert, 9.30—10.15am in the hall. All Y1/2 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 12th December	Y3/4 carol and recorder concert, 2.00—2.30pm in the hall. Please note the change of time.
Wednesday 11th December	Y1 and Y2 carol concert, 9.30—10.15am in the hall. All Y1/2 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 11th December	Rainbows tea party at 2.45pm.
Thursday 12th December	Y3/4 carol and recorder concert, 2.00—2.30pm in the hall. Please note the change of time.
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Crafts for Y1 & 2, 9.15—10.45am.
Thursday 12th December	Y6 height and weight checks.
Friday 13th December	Y5/6 carol and recorder concert, 2.00—2.30pm in the hall. Please note the change of time.
Friday 13th December	YR/1/2 visit Warwick Arts’ Centre to watch a performance of “Father Christmas” at 1.30pm.



Monday 16th December

Rocksteady concert at 2.00pm.

Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th December PTA Present Wrap Room.

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch.

Thursday 19th December

YR Christmas party, PM.

Thursday 19th December

Pop-up planetarium in school for Y1

Friday 20th December

MUFTI/Christmas jumper day. Please bring a donation of 50p per child for School Fund.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 23rd December 2019—Friday 3rd January 2020**

**Return to school on Monday 6th January 2020**

### **INSET Days**

**School will be closed for INSET (teacher training) on:**

**Friday 31st January 2020**

**Monday 20th April 2020**

**Monday 20th July 2020**

Have a great weekend, Everyone.

Best wishes from

Miss Glenny and Miss Challand



# Attendance Matters

...every school day counts!

**Well done to Y3 JM who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 100%**

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y5 RA	97%
Y2 AP	96%
Y4 AH	95%
YR RK	95%
Y2 CP	95%
Y3 JL	94%
Y1 EL	94%
Y4 SM	94%
Y5 CB	93%
YR LS	92%
Y6 KG	91%
Y6 JvS	90%
Y1 CD	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.**