

# Murphy Class Newsletter



Reminder!

## Punctuality

Reminders!

We are noticing an increasing number of children arriving late to school. This not only disrupts the start of the day but has a significant impact on your child's learning and progress. We would like to remind you that:

- The classroom doors close at 8.55am. After this time, the only way to get into school is via the school office.
- Children arriving between 8.55am and 9.15am will be registered as late; this is documented on the electronic register for each pupil (Attendance code L).
- Any child who arrives for school after the 'late' period ends at 9.15am will be marked as having an unauthorised absence for the morning (Attendance code U).

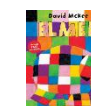
If missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 year of school that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 week per year	Over 2 ½ years

## Favourite 5 and Virtual Library!

Each half term, we will be reading 5 key texts – This half term, our 'Favourite 5' books are:



The Tiger Who Came to Tea  
Stick Man  
All Are Welcome  
How to Catch a Star  
Elmer



You can listen to Miss Harrison read these stories on our virtual library.

<https://www.crossgatesprimary.co.uk/autumn-2-13/>

## Parent Partnerships – Tapestry

Thank you so much for your interaction and engagement with Tapestry. It is lovely for us to read your comments and see your uploaded photos and videos. Learning continues beyond the classroom and your contributions on Tapestry really help us to create a holistic view of your child's learning.

## Reading

Your child will continue to bring home their reading books each Friday. These books need to be returned on a **Wednesday**. If you haven't done so already, we kindly ask you to purchase a book bag. This ensures the books stay clean and dry. Also, please write a comment in their reading diaries so we know they have read at home with you.

Save the Dates

## Dates for the Diary

Diary Dates

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need. Non uniform and a £1 donation.
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Parent's Evening. This is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into Reception and their progress and attainment so far. Please sign up for a 10-minute appointment on the Reach More Parents App. Please see the office staff if you have been unable to make an appointment online.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day. Our Christmas Fair will be at 2pm. Children can be collected early to attend the fair with their families.
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity (more information to follow soon!)**
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Party Day. Children can come to school in their party clothes!
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas Holidays



## Reading Cafe

This term is very busy term with lots of Christmas festivities to look forward to! We have 2 dates for Reading Cafes: **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** and **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. You are invited to come into the Reception classroom to sit and read with your child and their friends.