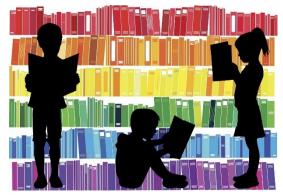


Additional News:

Our focus on **reading** really has seen some pleasing developments over the last term. Our survey results from the children have shown an increase in enjoyment of reading across all year groups. In addition to this, reading corners are popping up in every classroom; hundreds of pounds worth of books have improved our library; children are reading more on average every week; adults and children are talking more about books and there have even been sightings of a secret reading club at different locations in the school! Keep it up...READ, READ and READ! Our survey results will soon appear on our website.



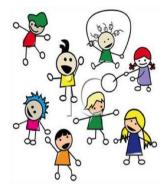


Mrs McCarney recently met with the school council who reported to her that they are concerned about the amount of litter in the school grounds. The vast majority of this litter comes from **snacks at playtime**. We would like to remind all the children and adults that snacks should be healthy and that sweets, chocolate (or anything with chocolate in), crisps, cakes, biscuits and pastries ARE NOT ALLOWED as snacks. The School Council have asked, and Mrs McCarney agreed, that parents send children to school with snacks that are healthy and have no packaging.

Mrs McCarney will remain as headteacher of the school until December 2018. This will ensure consistency and a good handover to the next headteacher. The Transition Board (which acts as our governing body) is really excited about the future for the school and will send out further information to parents before Easter.

We are doing all we can to make our systems in school run as smoothly as possible, and this includes our **lunch ordering** system. In order for this to work really well, all parents will need to log on to ParentPay by Easter. After the Easter holidays, parents and children will select, order and pay for all school lunches using ParentPay.





We are looking to improve every aspect of lunchtime for our (almost) 450 pupils, and this means doing all we can to make the time outside as fun, safe and enjoyable as possible. We have huge plans to develop this crucial time of the day and we need to begin by adding to our lunchtime staff. We are looking to employ people who would be interested in a position of 'Play Leader' during our lunch hour. They would be responsible for helping organise different games and activities alongside the children. You would receive training to help you do this as successfully as possible. If you are interested, please contact the school office and let us know