

16th September 2016

Dear Families,

Children on School Library books.

Children who have completed the school reading scheme move onto the library system called Accelerated Reader. They take a general reading test and are given a range of book levels they can choose from eg 2.2-3.2. They need to read books within this range as this means they will be able to answer the book quizzes confidently. They should be getting at least 8/10 on a book quiz or 4/5 on a shorter quiz to ensure their understanding. When they have finished a quiz they can change their reading book. They will take the reading test again at the end of each half term and will have their reading range on the front of their reading record. Thank you so much for the increased amount of reading in the juniors. It will really help them with both their spelling and comprehension. A link for the accelerated reader is on the school website.

Home /School agreement

Attached is a home school agreement. Please read through, sign and return to school. Please indicate if you would like Maths homework for your child. This will be a sheet or task each week related to what they are learning in class. Your child in Y1-6 will also have a list of spellings to learn - these will change over the year but need to be spelled consistently correctly.

Reception children will have their next group of letter sounds in their reading bags today. Please practise making words with these - they are doing really well. We will change the picture books on Monday and Thursdays and send new sounds on Fridays. When children are confident with the letter sound and putting 3 letters together to make a word we will introduce books with words.

We will start sending homework next Friday.

Results from SATs

As you will probably remember new SATs tests were brought in last year and we have now received the data analysis back. Our Y6's progress was excellent and places the school in the top 5% nationally for both Reading and Mathematics. Our numbers are small so will not be published. This was achieved in the normal course of lessons without sending home extra work. Spelling is the area that we are weaker in and so that will be our priority for development in this academic year.

Items Needed - please keep them coming in

Baby Pictures - of each child please could they be brought in in a labelled envelope.
Empty washing up liquid bottles

Kitchen roll tubes

A vegetable for Rec/Y1 and Y2 children to make Harvest Vegetable Soup on Monday.

Sponsored Walk for the Special Care Baby Unit and MND

Yvonne Willan, Emma Thistlethwaite and Helen Yu are taking part in the Pure Challenge 45km walk on Saturday 24th September raising money for the Special Care Baby Unit (Lancaster) and MND . Please support these charities by sponsoring them (a form is in the school office).

Secondary School

Open Evenings

Garstang High- Thursday 22nd Sept 6-8:30pm

Queen Elizabeth School - Wed 14th and Thurs 22nd Sept 6:30pm (please register online)

Dallam - Thurs 29th Sept 6-8pm

Please do not forget that if applying for Ripley you need to fill in an additional admissions form from the school.

Mrs Fiona Ip

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 19th Sept - Rounders/cricket club- 4:30pm

Tues 20th Sept - Nature Club- 4:30pm

Wed 21st Sept - Gymnastics Club - 4:30pm

Fri 23rd Sept- Family Assembly 3:15pm Y5 celebration of work all welcome