

A Message from Mrs Moore

The children have had a fantastic start to the school year. It has been wonderful to see all the children who 'reached for the stars' last week and children working hard in all classes. Welcome to our new Reception class and their parents, Mrs Fry has had a wonderful start with her new class and can't believe how quickly they have settled into the school routines.

Reading Update

All of the children in Key Stage 2 should now have their Boom Reader login and reading book. On Thursday (19th September) the Senior Leadership Team will be monitoring which **children have read 3 times a week with an adult and logged on Boom Reader (Saturday-Thursday)**. Any children that haven't read 3 times will be asked to read on Friday in school. Please try to dedicate 10 minutes to read with you child/ren, this can be their school reading book, their reading for pleasure book or other texts at home such as newspapers/comics. Just reading 3 times a week will make a huge difference to your child's reading ability and support them with their learning at school, we thank you for your support with this.



Homework

In addition to your child's reading, spellings and maths they will be given a 'menu' of homework projects to choose from. You only need to choose **one of the activities** to complete over the full half term.

Optional Autumn Homework Menu- Please feel free to choose and complete one project for each half term.

<p>Write a shape poem of a volcano eruption using consonant vowels (homoph) words. (e.g. BANG! CRASH! SMOKES!)</p>	<p>Research legends associated with volcanoes and earthquakes. Create a storyboard of the legends.</p> <p>Write a song or rap about Vikings.</p>	<p>Research some famous facts about volcanoes. Create a 10 questions 'True or False' quiz. Try it out on your family or friends.</p>
<p>Create a model of a Viking longship that can float.</p> <p>Bring your longship to school!</p>	<p>Research and write a set of instructions for how to make a 'rock cake'. See if you can follow your instructions and make some at home!</p>	<p>Research some famous facts about volcanoes. Create a 10 questions 'True or False' quiz. Try it out on your family or friends.</p>
<p>Draw or paint a picture of a Viking god or goddess. Design a piece of Viking jewellery.</p>	<p>Create a poster of the 'hairiest' in your family!</p> <p>You could include information about: Eye colour - Ear lobes - Wives's nose - Shoes printed or not - Hair colour</p> <p>Who are you more similar or different to in your family and why?</p>	<p>Make a leaflet about Charles Darwin or Alfred Russel Wallace</p> <p>Information you could include - When and where were they born/died? - Where did they work? - What were their important scientific discoveries?</p>

Asda 'Rewards for Schools'

The school PTA have registered the school for the 'rewards for schools' initiatives. If you select our school on the Asada rewards app and scan each time you shop the school will receive 0.5% of the value of your shop. Thank you for your support!



Uniform expectations

We will be completing a uniform check this week, any children not in the correct uniform will receive a letter home. All children are expected to wear full school uniform unless it is their PE day when they should wear their PE kit. Children should have:

Reception – Year 4 – black or grey skirts/dress/trousers/shorts, a white polo shirt, royal blue school jumper (with or without a logo), black/grey/white socks or tights and black school shoes.

Year 5 & 6 – Black school logo blazer, Blue school logo tie, white buttoned shirt, black or grey skirt/trousers/shorts, black/grey/white socks or tights and black school shoes.

Any hair accessories should be basic and school colours. The only jewellery permitted are stud earrings and watches. No makeup or nail varnish is permitted. Children should not wear trainers with their school uniform. Class teachers will be contacting parents if there are any discrepancies with school uniform. Please remember to name all items of school uniform.



Attendance

We will be monitoring attendance very carefully and expect all children to be at least 95% attendance. Our current whole school attendance is 97.3%, well done to Year 5 who had 99.5% attendance last week! The academy have updated the attendance policy which can be found on the school website. Please be aware of the timings below that have been recently added along with changes to penalty notices for holidays.

Attendance %	Academy days missed per year	Number of lessons missed per year	Attendance grading	Possible actions
100%	0	0	Outstanding	
98%	4	20	Very good	
96%	7	35	Good	Academy monitoring
95%	10	50	Almost there	Academy support
94%	11	55	Improvement needed	Academy support
90%	20	100	Concern	External support / referrals
85%	29	145	Serious concern	External support / referrals Penalty notices

Be on the playground by	8.35am	Children should wait on the playground until classroom doors are open.
Start of the academy day	8.40am	Children should be at their seats ready to learn
Morning register begins at	8.40am	If a child arrives at 8.50am and has to enter through the front office they will receive a late mark.
Morning register closes	9.00am	Child receives an 'unauthorised absence' (U) mark if they arrive after the register closes
Afternoon register begins at	1.00pm	Child receives a 'late' mark if absent when the register starts but arrives before the register closes
Afternoon register closes	1.00pm	Child receives an 'unauthorised absence' mark if they arrive after the register closes
End of the academy day	3.15pm	

Mobile Phones

As you would have probably seen on recent news reports, Ormiston Academies Trust are phasing out mobile phones in schools. As a Primary school mobile phones have never been permitted in school. I would like to remind you that if your child needs to bring their phone to school it **MUST** be handed in to a member of staff at the beginning of the school day and collected at home time. If children are found to have their phone on their person or in their bag we will ask them not to bring their phone to school.

One of England's biggest school academy trusts to ban phone use



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One of the trust's secondary schools is already phone-free

Key Dates- Autumn Term 2024

- **School Opens** - Wednesday 4th September
- **Reception 2025 Tour** – Thursday 26th September
- **Year 5 Space Centre visit** – Wednesday 9th October
- **Mental Health Day** – Thursday 10th October
- **Individual school photos** – Thursday 17th October
- **Parents Reading lesson viewing** –Tuesday 22nd October @9am
- **PTA 'Freaky Friday'** – Friday 22nd October
- **Half term** – 28th October – 1st November
- **School opens** – Monday 4th November
- **Parents Evening** – Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th November
- **Year 3 Ferry Meadows visit** – Wednesday 13th November
- **Parents Maths lesson viewing** – Monday 9th December @9am
- **Christmas dinner** – Wednesday 11th December
- **PTA Christmas Fair** – Friday 13th December
- **Christingle** – Monday 16th December
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance** – Wednesday 18th December @ 9am