

The Owl - February 2021

We are so looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school. Judging by the faces of the children at assembly, they are very excited too. As the news sinks in for all of us, there will naturally be mixed emotions. Some of our children will find it difficult to leave their parents again after being together for so long. Others will find it daunting to be around more people. Some children will of course take in all in their stride. Whatever reactions and emotions we see, we will be ensuring all children know that they can express their feelings and emotions and that they will be listened to.

As a whole school, we have enjoyed sharing the story of The Colour Monster where feelings are mixed and sorted by colour. The children will be using the story and the monster to help identify and share their feelings. On the return to school, they will be introduced to the feelings display in their classroom and will be encouraged to share how they are feeling.

Please do let us know if your child is showing signs of anxiety and in turn of course; we will keep sharing with you how they are getting on.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 8th.

With very best wishes, Mrs Wittich



Thank you to everyone who showed great **respect** towards others by recognising that we are all different and some might need some virtual hugs. By our whole community thinking of others, the children have really shown the importance of respecting each other by caring and letting each other know they are thinking about them.

Values in Action



DIARY DATES

March 2020

5th Celebration Assembly 1.30pm on Google Meet

8th – 12th Take One Book week

<https://reed.herts.sch.uk/download/world-book-day-letter-23rd-february-2021/>

8th Read-a-thon begins

12th Dress as your favourite book character, virtual parade at 1.30pm at Celebration Assembly

15th FoRS meeting at 8pm on Google Meet

19th Red Nose Day



22nd and 23rd Bikeability for all pupils (details to follow)

26th Dance Around the World workshop (all classes)

26th Celebration Assembly 1.15pm

26th Term ends at 2pm

April 2020

12th Term starts for children

12th Science Week – details to follow

May 2020

3rd May Bank Holiday – School Closed

11th Whole school photo

31st May Half term

Red Nose Day



We will be supporting Comic Relief as usual on Friday 19th March. Come to school with your red nose if you have one and or wear red for the day. Bring your best jokes to share with your class. The wittiest jokes will be shared at Celebration Assembly! Donations will be collected online and a link will be on our website.

Return to school



As outlined in my letter following the announcements around full reopening of schools; children will continue to be dropped off and picked up at staggered times. I will be sending these times out at the end of next week to you individually. You will receive a slot even if you use wrap around care in case circumstances change.

The earliest drop off outside wrap around care is 8.45am and the earliest pick up is 3.00pm. Please do not come to the school entrance until the gate has been opened to ensure we can all keep a safe distance.

Please do read the details of the letter sent on Tuesday 23rd February to ensure you have all of the information you need.

<https://reed.herts.sch.uk/download/returning-to-school-letter-23rd-february-2021/>

In case you missed it:

A huge well done to all of the children and staff who counted their steps and challenge themselves to get out and about as part of our Feeling Good Week.

The results were as follows:

Barn Owls: 221,334 steps

Tawney Owls: 178,879 steps

Eagle Owls: 119,930 steps



Fantastic Team Reed!



School Development

We have been working hard to continue our plan to develop our Early Years environment. Our changes and additions are enabling the children to develop in every area and make more use of the wonderful space they have. The new areas all encourage imaginative child initiated learning through play and exploration.

I love the new painting wall - I love painting rainbows and flowers. Pearl



I like the gutters and pipes best. I use the hose to wash the cars down. Lily



My favourite is the mud kitchen because I like making leaf potions and making spaghetti. Mia H



I like playing in the secret garden, going in the pods and seeing the birdies in the little houses and stepping on the stepping stones so I do not get in the lava. Edith



I like the secret garden.

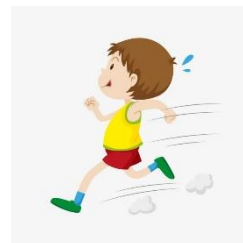
Oliver



More welcome news

I am very pleased to let you know that our after school clubs will be resuming in the summer term. These will include:

- PE with Mr S
- Sting performing arts
- Running



There will be further communication soon around how to book your child into these popular extra-curricular activities.

It so nice to have so much more to look forward to...

I will be in touch soon about our delayed Forest Schools too!



And finally...

Do tell friends and neighbours about our lovely school!



Thank you for your wonderful support.



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WELCOMES YOU & YOUR FAMILY**

Are you looking for a Nursery or First School place?
Nursery places can start the term children turn three.

Set in beautiful grounds, we are proud of our caring and inclusive environment. Our parents and children, staff and governors love being part of Reed First School and we would be pleased to welcome you too!

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