

The Owl – July 2024

Thank you!

Every year seems to go faster and the school year 2023, 2024 has been no exception! When we pause to look back, it has been another jam packed time. As we get to the summer break, there are always so many kind words of thanks from children and their families for the work that goes on at our school. I want to say thank you to you too, September will bring the highest number of pupils the school has seen for many years. Our growing numbers are as a result, in part, of our families speaking so highly of the experience they have here. All of the children in our pupil survey said they would recommend the school too!

It is an absolute joy when I show prospective families around, not only because the school looks good, but also the welcome the children give us. They are always ready to open a door, say hello, share their learning and high levels of enthusiasm for all things Reed First School! Plus of course we apparently have a pet peahen!

None of what I see would happen without the fantastic team of staff who all work incredibly hard with shared expectations and aspirations for the school. Huge thanks to Mrs Cottenden, Mrs Arnott, Miss Wilson, Mrs Dear, Mrs Kell, Mrs Murphy, Miss Haydon, Mrs Browne, Miss Bryan, Mrs Bateman, Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Watson. We are a small team but everyone rises to all of the challenges and gets stuck in. Most days, staff will find themselves faced with something which probably isn't in their job description but they still get the job done; and for that I am eternally grateful!

Team Reed is truly...

OUTSTANDING!



We wish those moving on and their families all the very best as they start the next steps in their journey. For those returning, we can't wait to see what you achieve next. For those joining us, we can't wait to get to know you!

Have a fabulous summer!



Diary Dates

September 2024

2nd – INSET day school closed to pupils

3rd – First day of term. Gate opens 8.40am, bell at 8.45am. All pupils must be at school by 8.45am.

3rd – PE lessons begin for all children. Kits to be brought to school to change in to.

6th - Forest School begins for all children. PE kit / Forest School uniform to be worn to school.

6th – Dance club begins

10th – Running club begins

11th – Netball club begins

11th - 7.00pm Phonics and early reading workshop all parents of Early Years new to our school (in person at school).

12th – Computing coding club begins

12th – Art club begins

Note all clubs run from 3.15 – 4.15pm

Meet the teacher – a chance to meet with your child's teacher to find out more about the term ahead and ask questions having previously received a class information letter. You can either attend in person or via Google Meet:

9th – 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Nursery and Reception**. In school / Google Meet

10th – 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Year One and Two**. In school / Google Meet

11th - 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting **Year Three and Four**. In school / Google Meet

October 2024

Half term break - 28th October

Community Tea Party

What a fabulous event Layton Class organised. The seed of a thought has been in my mind for at least two years, and Layton Class brought it to life by creating an afternoon which I know everyone who attended will remember forever!

The analogy of a swan comes to mind in the run up to the day: legs going 100mph under water - with food design skills developed in Design Technology and **A LOT** of washing up, last minute panics over napkins and plates and the pressure of carrying cups of tea. Once our guests arrived however, the swan was serene!

The children created delicious treats, took orders for drinks and carried them with not a drop spilt, asked questions to start conversations and gave our guests a tour of the school. This was particularly special as many of our guests had their own children attend the school in previous years. In some cases, some of our visitors were pupil themselves when just the original part of the school building was here!



Having been such a success, we are adding our community tea party to our annual events list. There was a resounding cheer from children and guests alike when I announced this once all we could see was crumbs on plates and lots of happy faces!

Another great example of the children striving to exemplify our motto of:

LEARNING TOGETHER, LEARNING FOR LIFE!

Congratulations

Our whole school community have continued to work towards our values which aim to help the children: 'Learn Together, Learn for Life'. In case you missed it. The announcements at our final Celebration Assembly were as follows:

Sports Cup: **Eagle Owls**
 House trophy: **Tawny Owls**



Values Cup: **Jesse** for demonstrating all of our values throughout the year and his time at our school.

100% Attendance: Mia H, Henry, Sammie
 Excellent attendance (98%): Dilan, Haydn, Poppy, Ben, Scarlett, Robin, Scarlett
 George H, Finn, Livvy, Max, Logan, Isabel B, Edith, Ruby
 Very good attendance (97%): Frankie M, Finlay, Finley, Su, Pearl



Values Awards:

Aspiration	Resilience	Respect	Independence
Jesse Grace Mia H Sebastian Bertie Haydn	Dilan Henry Pearl Scarlett Lily Frankie M	Hanna Isla Nathaniel Elodie Anya Alfie	Isabelle Ruby Livvy Finn Finlay Esmae



Well done to everyone!

Dragon Days



As ever, the children had a brilliant time performing to you. The shrieks as the cast came of stage were fabulous and similar to those I imagine in a West End theatre! It was a delight for me to enjoy the wealth of talent as an audience member this year. The passion in the faces of our budding thespians was clear to see and the whole audience was bursting with pride!

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Houses at Sports Day. Thank you in particular those of you who helped out to make sports day with 3 – 9 year olds run as smoothly as possible!

The children all did brilliantly on what turned out to be a gloriously hot day. There were lots of pink faces at the end of cross country, but as ever, every single child ran the course and supported each other while challenging themselves. We have such resilient children!

Thank you to FoRS for the much needed ice lollies!



There was even some singing and dancing to cheer the Houses on!



We loved the banners, cheers, encouragement and face paints on grown-ups too!
Thank you!

