



## Newsletter

October 2018

### Reading Workshop

Teachers at school are planning a reading workshop on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This meeting will start with a brief introduction and then you will have the opportunity to visit a variety of different focus tables run by different staff on different aspects of reading. You will be able to choose the aspects that most interest you. Year 1 and Year 2 staff are running the session but the event is open to all parents.

In order to get as many of you at the event as possible we would like to know when you would like the meeting to take place:

1. First thing in the morning 9.00 after you drop children off at school - we think this might help parents who work as they could go in late, but it would be difficult if you have younger siblings to look after
2. Before the end of the school day at 2.30
3. In the evening at 6.30

***This event would not be suitable for children.***

There will be a whiteboard in the playground and we will make a tally chart of your views - please come over and speak to us (Tuesday after school and Wednesday - send a message to school if you can't vote personally)

### Playground

Recently we have reminded children about the playground rules, especially with regard to equipment. We closed the tunnel because whilst reception children were still learning the rules there was an accident and we wanted to make sure that this didn't happen again.

The rules that you need to be aware of after school are:

- Children are not allowed to ride scooters on climbing equipment

- Children are not allowed on wooden equipment if it is wet - we always keep children off because it is too slippery
- Children are not allowed to jump off the tunnel
- Children are not allowed to go over the top of the climbing net
- Children should wait until the person on the monkey bars has reached the end before they start
- The Forest school tree stumps on the field should not be moved

At the end of the day I would also like to remind you that children are your responsibility and they must be supervised. At playtimes we make sure a member of staff is standing by and watching all the different playground areas, especially the equipment.

The playground is kept open for Coteford Infant and Nursery children and older siblings should stay with parents. They are not allowed on the equipment or inside the school. This includes the toilets. Unfortunately this rule is in place because of damage caused by older children last year.

### **Governors**

I am sure you are aware that we have a Governing Body who meet regularly. They have responsibilities for the strategic direction of the school, the budget and some policies. At a meeting last week one of the governors mentioned that they had heard bad language in the playground. This is of course unacceptable around young children. I have been asked to remind parents that bad language on school premises is not acceptable. I would appreciate your support in helping to make sure that children see parents as the best role models when they are in school.

I would also like to ask for your help in keeping smoking away from the school gates.

A reminder that school is closed on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October for a training day. We are excited because we have someone coming in to do some training with us on the curriculum and how we make it exciting and fun for the children.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term,

Mrs J Thomas

Headteacher