

# Pulham Church of England Primary School



15th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been talking about reading in school recently. The children all love reading and we have been working on raising the profile of reading across the school. We have book reviews displayed, new book display shelves in the corridor and we are re-vamping reading areas in all of the classrooms. Reading is a vital and crucial skill for all children—being a regular reader raises children's progress and attainment in all areas of the curriculum.

However, sadly, we are noticing a marked decrease in the number of parents who are reading with their children at home.

It is such an important part of every child's learning and there is a very clear and noticeable difference in progress between the children who read to an adult at home on a regular basis and those who do not. We do our best to read with those children in school but reading at home is crucial to enable all of our children to reach their potential.

Parents sometimes ask me about homework—as I have said on numerous occasions—the best work you can do with your child at home is to hear them read, share a story together, read to them yourself—we would really like to be able to call ourselves a Reading School but we need your help, and most importantly, the children need your help. Please spend 15 minutes every evening to hear your child read/share a book together/ read them a story.

It really does make a difference!

Simone Goddard  
Headteacher

## Readers Needed!

We are still looking for readers to come in and share a story with the children—if you are interested in helping with this please contact Mrs Lincoln or the school office.



## Plant to Plate Promotion

We are taking part in the Archant Plant to Plate promotion and would be very grateful to receive any tokens that you collect. Every school that collects more than 1,000 tokens will receive a gardening pack worth £130. The first token will appear in the EDP on Saturday 18th January with the last token being published on 27th March. Tokens will appear in the Eastern Daily Press, Norwich Evening News, North Norfolk News, Dereham Times, Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury. Please encourage members of the community to collect tokens on our behalf—Pulham Market shop have very kindly offered to place a box in the shop for community donations of tokens.

## Value for this Term

Our value this term is compassion. We are thinking about how we can show compassion to others in school, families and the community.

## FoPPS—The Co-Op Community Token Scheme

We have been chosen to take part in the Co-op community green token scheme which will run over the next three months. If you shop in the Harleston or Long Stratton Co-op stores you can help raise up to £500 for school by popping your green tokens into the Pulham School section of the community box. Thank you for your support!

## Late Arrivals

We will continue to monitor late arrivals to school very closely this term. Totals below are for the week commencing 6th January:

Penguins	-	0 minutes
Ducks	-	5 minutes
Kingfishers	-	0 minutes
Hummingbirds	-	15 minutes
Puffins	-	8 minutes

Well done to Penguins Class and Kingfishers Class for a super start to the term!

## Snacks for Break



Children are welcome to bring a snack to eat during break times, however, please can we request that snacks are healthy. Ideally they should consist of a piece of fruit or veggie sticks. Cereal bars as well as Fruit Winders and Fruit Flakes should not be brought into school as they contain a high volume of sugar. Similarly, please may we request that water bottles contain water only. Thank you.

For information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online please visit the school website [www.pulhamprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.pulhamprimaryschool.org.uk) and navigate to the Key Information tab. From here select Forms & Documents under which you will find the e-safety guidance document which will be available to download. There is also a link on the home page. Alternatively you can call into the office and ask for a paper copy.

Date	Event	Other Info
<b>January</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Maths Workshop for Ducks, Kingfishers and Hummingbirds	3.30pm
<b>February</b>		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Puffins at Magpies Hockey Ground	Letter to follow
W/C Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability – years 5 & 6	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before half term	
<b>Half Term Holiday Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020</b>		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school	
<b>March</b>		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Conversations	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Conversations	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Conversations	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Service	10am Pulham St Mary Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs	New date
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 6 Residential Trip	
<b>Easter Holidays Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>		
<b>April</b>		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back to school	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Orienteering at ASHS – Y6	
<b>May</b>		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	May Bank Holiday	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day before half term	
<b>May Half Term Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>nd</sup> May 2020</b>		
<b>June</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Children back to school	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Family Information evening – ASHS Y6	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Meetings – ASHS Y6	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	
W/c 22 June	Science Week	
<b>July</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Norfolk Show	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Play	6pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Play	6pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Prize Giving	1.30pm Y6 parents
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Experience Day at ASHS	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Last Day & Y6 Parents Tea Party	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Start ASHS	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Year Assembly	2pm Pulham Market Church
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term	