

Newsletter



Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our very youngest children have settled remarkably well and are fully engaged in learning the first sounds on their journey to becoming readers. One of our key priorities for the first half term is to support children with their reading. This is something that you can really support with - we know that you are always very keen to do this.

We will be introducing, from Monday 2nd November, slightly tweaked end of day procedures. The children practised these today - please see the diagram below. If you have any feedback, or further suggestions, please email admin@placefarm.org.uk We have also updated our Covid-19 Risk Assessment, which can be found on the Place Farm Primary Academy website.

Kind regards,

Jane Sendall
Headteacher



Whole school attendance this term is 94.4% (Target 97%)

Calendar

October

Monday 19th -23rd October: Parents' Evening Phone Calls

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October: Half term holiday

Monday 2nd November: Pupils return to school

November

Wednesday 4th November: Individual and siblings photographs

Monday 16th November: Flu vaccinations for children

Friday 18th December: Last day of the autumn term

Parents' Evening Appointments



This year, under Covid-19 restrictions, our autumn Parents' Evening appointments will take place by phone calls with your child's class teacher. To book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please follow the link below:

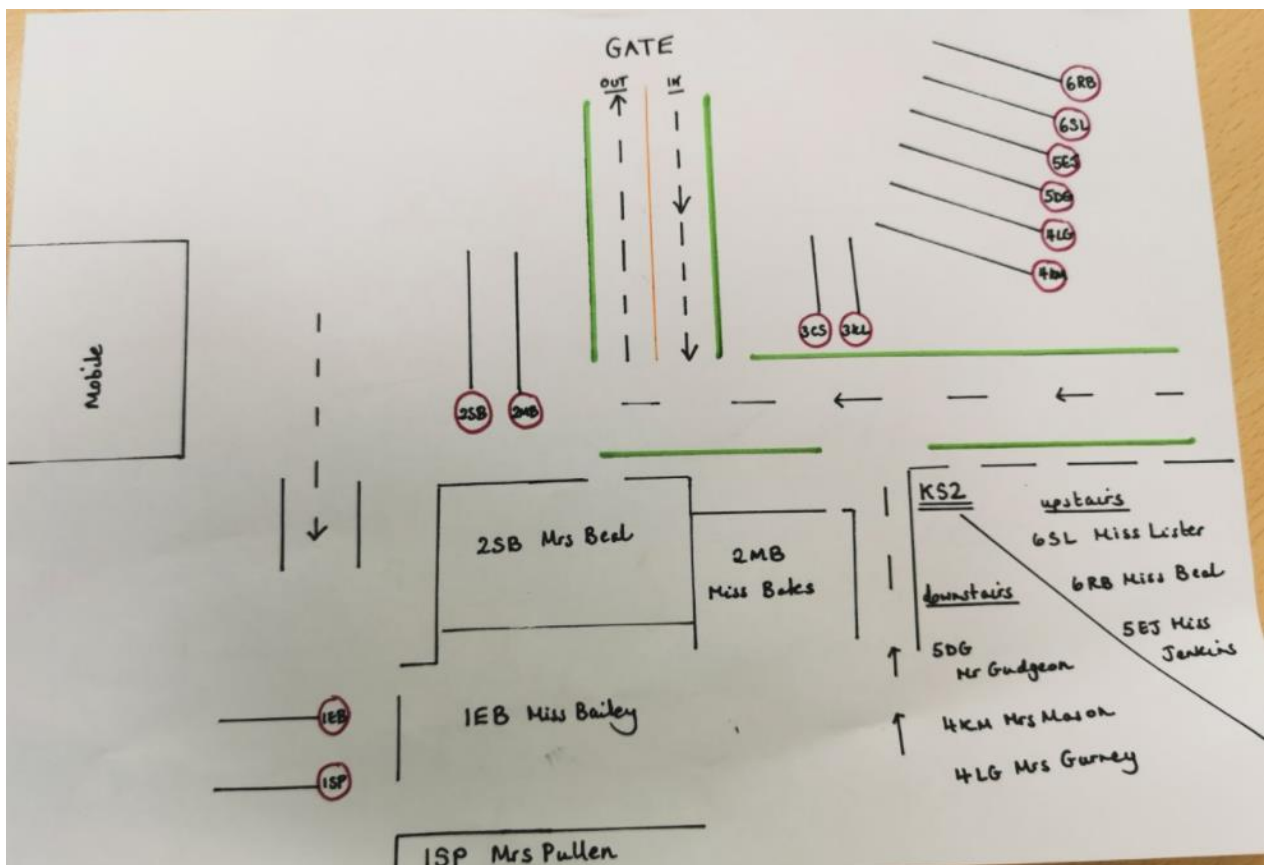
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter the code: **qfbbx**

End of Day Procedures - from Monday 2nd November

As the weather is becoming colder, we have adapted our end of day procedures, to support your children. Thank you to parents who have made suggestions and emailed about this.

For EYFS children (children in OAP and OLP) and Rainbow Class children end of day arrangements remain unchanged.

- For children in Years 1 to 6: The back gate will open, as usual, at 3.15pm. **You will be able to come to school to pick up your children between 3.15pm and 3.35pm.** This will reduce congestion on the playground and the paths around school.
- Please wear a face covering when you come to the school.
- Instead of the children being lined up on the playground waiting for you (which may mean they get cold, or wet) you will be able to come onto the playground and stand, socially distanced, near cones labelled with classes (see diagram below).
- Class teachers will be looking out of doors/windows to see you arrive, from their classrooms, and your child will be dismissed from the classroom to walk to you. (**Year 3 teachers will be alerted to you arriving by a Learning Assistant who will be standing near the Year 3 cones**).
- Children will walk following the 'green' route on the diagram below, to reduce congestion.
- We will be monitoring the number of people on the playground at any one time, and may ask you to wait outside the gate should it become too crowded.
- We will have staff at the gates to guide and support you, and the children.
- We ask that you collect your youngest child first, then walk with your child/children, to another cone to collect siblings.

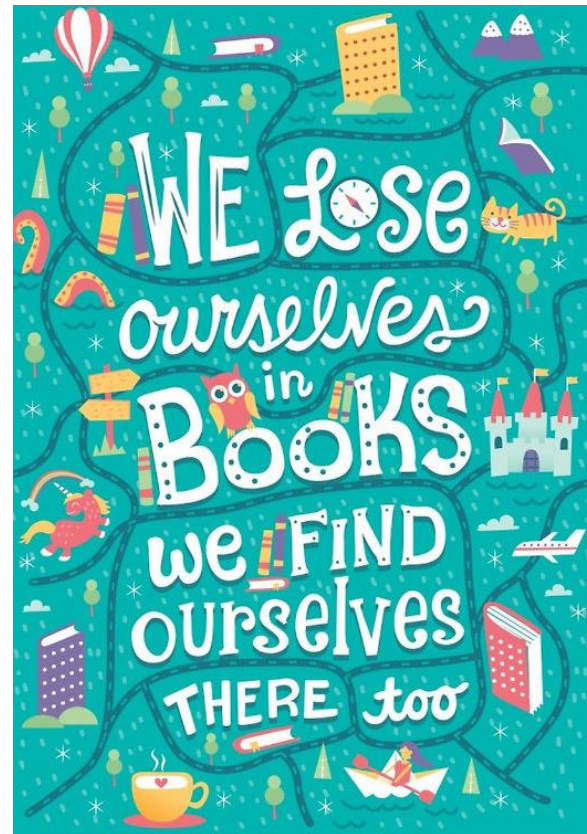
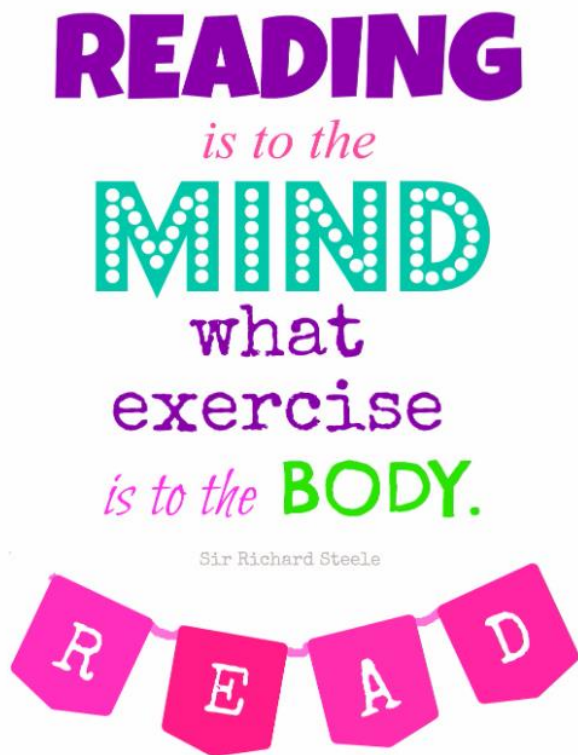


Reading

The single most important thing that you can do to help your child/children is to hear them read and read to them.

How important is reading to your child?

Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.



Friday 9th October 2020 - #HelloYellow Day

We took part in the **Hello Yellow Day**, for **Young Minds today**. We will be able to tell you how much was raised next week. Thank you very much for your support.

A promotional poster for Hello Yellow Day. The background is bright yellow with a pattern of small yellow dots and scattered starburst graphics. At the top, the hashtag #HelloYellow is written in white inside a red speech bubble. Below this, the text 'LET'S BRIGHTEN UP A SCHOOL DAY' is written in large, bold, red and black letters. Underneath, it says 'FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH' in black. On the left, there is a paragraph: 'We're saying #HelloYellow to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.' Below that, it says 'Wear yellow on 9 October and donate £1 to YoungMinds.' In the center, a girl and a boy are smiling. The girl is wearing a yellow party hat with a pink and blue pom-pom, and the boy is wearing a yellow crown. Both are wearing white school shirts and yellow neckties with black star patterns. At the bottom left, the website 'YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/HELLOYELLOW' is written in black. At the bottom right, the 'YOUNGMINDS' logo is displayed in black and yellow.