

KEELBY PRIMARY ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER 6th September, 2019

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope you are all refreshed after the summer break. The children have all made a fantastic start to the term and are enjoying their new classes.

Reading at Keelby Primary Academy

Children in KS1 and K2 are expected to read five times per week. There will be a set day in each class when Reading Records are taken in to be checked. If they have completed five reads over the previous week they will be rewarded with a DoJo for reading and can move up on the Reading Challenge Board. If a child forgets to bring their Reading Record, or hasn't recorded their reads, they will be asked to stay in at lunch on that day to read.

Every child has been given a new Reading Record book; it has enough pages to use one page per week over the academic year. We would like all children from Y2 – Y6 to write in their own Reading Record and take greater ownership of recording what they have read. In FS and Y1 parents can write a comment when they have heard them read. If a child reads their book at school this will be recorded in their Reading Record and be counted as a read. Children can also do multiple reads on one day if they choose to but they must be recorded in the same section in their Reading Record.

There will no longer be a whole school reading challenge reward, the challenge is for individuals to complete at least five reads each week.

Homework at Keelby Primary Academy

Homework will be given out each Friday

- one piece of English and one piece of Maths
- homework needs to be returned by Thursday
- children will mark their own in class and will be rewarded with DoJos for completion and effort
- all homework will be age-related and something the children have already learnt in school
- there will be a KS2 homework club on a Wednesday lunch-time for any children who need support from school to complete it
- please feel free to comment on homework if and when necessary
- there will be a spelling sheet at the back of each child's homework book with a list of spelling expectations for each year group

Friday Assemblies – You are all welcome to attend our weekly Friday Celebration assemblies which start at 9.25 a.m. (until about 9.45 a.m.); refreshments are available beforehand.

Clubs – Most of the after-school clubs will start week beginning 23rd September and a letter giving more information will be sent out to pupils next week.

However, **Martial Arts** will start on Monday, 16th September. This club is available for children in Y1 – Y6 and runs before school 8.00 – 8.45 a.m. There is a cost per week which is based on numbers attending. Monday's session will be a free 'taster session' for anyone interested in Y1 – Y6). We will then send a letter out for you to book your child's place. Payment will be via your ParentPay account. If your child is an existing member, but does not wish to attend the taster session, we will send the booking letter to you anyway.

FS/KS1 Passwords & KS2 Collecting Arrangements – Please complete the form which has been sent home with your child. This is to ensure we have accurate, up to date information.

Parents' Diary – we will be issuing this next week.

Water Bottles – Please make sure your child brings their own water bottle into school each day. They will be able to fill their water bottles up from our water coolers during the day.

ON-LINE ORDERING OF MEALS

We would like to remind you that the deadline for ordering meals is **midnight on a Tuesday** for the following week. Please do not change or order any additional meals for that specific week after the deadline. We will cancel meals on a daily basis if we have had notification that your child will be absent but we do need to know by 9.30 a.m. please. If you encounter any problems regarding the meals please contact the school office (not our kitchen). We can make a computer available or assist you with any ParentPay queries.

Office Hours – Please note that the school office will not be open until 8.45 a.m. (after the daily staff briefing). It will close at 4.30pm.

Annabel Cowling, Academy Principal