



Stakeford Primary School

Your School Needs YOU!

In last week's newsletter we informed you of our school's approach to reading. Each year the government places more and more demands on the primary school curriculum and this makes time difficult to manage. In KS1, whilst children are learning to read, it is ideal for them to be heard several times per week. For each child to read to an adult it takes at least 10 minutes and if there are 25 children in a class that is a total of 5 hours. This is why we cannot hear all children read daily in school.

We would like to increase opportunities to hear children read in school so we are looking for **'Reading Angels'**, parents or grandparents who can spend a half hour from 9:00—9:30 in school listening to children read either once or twice a week. These angels will need to be DBS checked and school can organise this free of charge. If you are able to help out, please give your name and contact details to Mrs Haswell and either Mrs Hall or Mrs Bewick will be in touch soon.

Requesting Meetings With Staff

We have had an increase recently of parents turning up at the office and requesting to see staff immediately at the beginning of the school day. From 9:00 am all teaching and support staff are working with children and are not available. To make themselves available, a class or group has to be left and their learning interrupted. From Monday 3rd February, if you need to speak to a member of staff, please ring the school office. An appointment will then be booked or an arrangement can then be made for a telephone call. Please be aware that when calling you will be asked for details of the subject you want the meeting about so that the correct and most appropriate member of staff can contact you or meet with you. In this way we are protecting your child's education.

Safeguarding Reminders

Dogs On The Playground

After several complaints and concerns, we would like to politely request that parents do not bring dogs onto the school premises.

Although parents are carrying them, there are pupils who are afraid of dogs and this is creating anxiety for some individuals.

There are also pupils who have allergies and again the presence of dogs can cause discomfort and anxiety.



Parking

We continue to receive complaints from residents about parking outside of school. However, the most recent complaints have been about how some parents are speaking to residents who are left feeling threatened, or abused, for parking at their own front doors.

Can we ask again that parents park away from East Ford Road and Dereham Terrace. If parking here cannot be avoided, please give priority to residents who have every right to park where they live without challenge.

We are also aware that some parents have taken it upon themselves to act as unofficial parking wardens, which is also leading to conflict. We would politely ask that this role is left to the professionals.

We must inform you that residents will be advised to contact the police if they feel threatened during exchanges.