



## Angel Road Junior School

### Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Firstly, I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone for a smooth and successful return to school. Our attendance this week has been great and we have loved having all the children back in school – and they seemed to have enjoyed it too! The school has its full energy and life back and we are all looking forward to the next few weeks and the Summer term ahead.

### Parents evening phone calls

You should have received a letter this week giving you the dates for the parents' evening phone calls that are starting from next week. Please return your slip to school, if you haven't already.

### Comic relief – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

The children can come to school dressed in non-uniform that day and there is a suggested donation of £1 that will go to Comic relief. Please can we ask that children do not wear red noses this year for obviously health and safety reasons!

### Parking on Angel Road

We have had a number of complaints from residents along Angel Road of parents parking in front of their driveways during drop off and pick up time. On one of these occasions, it resulted in an elderly resident not being able to get to an important doctor's appointment because they couldn't get their car out of their drive because someone had parked in front. Please be considerate of our neighbours – thank you.

### Helping your child with their reading

#### 'Learning to read helps children read to learn'

Please continue to hear your child read regularly throughout the week – four times a week would be great. It is also great for children of all ages to be read to and for discussions to happen: What is happening? What is going to happen? How is the character feeling? How do we know? Why did the author chose that word?

This campaign has just been launched.

The Turn On The Subtitles campaign

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Kids read more when we Turn On The Subtitles.

We wanted to let you know how this brilliantly simple, free, small change to children's existing TV viewing habits can drastically improve their reading skills.

Here is Stephen Fry to explain the benefits of turning on the subtitles in more detail. [www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org/parents)

Just a reminder that turning on the subtitles while children are watching TV can greatly improve their reading skills. A quick and simple way to make TV time, reading time.  
#TurnOnTheSubtitles

## Drop off reminder

Year 4 and Year 5 children should arrive at school between 8.55am-9.00am.

We have lots of Year 4 and Year 5 children arriving at 8.45am which means that they have to wait until the Year 3 and Year 6 children have all arrived.

We have a staggered start to try and minimise children from different year groups being in contact with each other.

Please help us by making sure that your Year 4 or Year 5 child doesn't arrive at school too early – thank you.

## Entrance and exits to the school site

Please can we ask all parents to use the correct gate for their child's year group to enter and leave the school site. (Unless you have a special arrangement with Mrs Long)

Year 3 and Year 5 – Angel Road gate

Year 4 and Year 6 – Rosebery Road gate

We do appreciate that it may mean that some parents have to walk a bit further to drop off or collect their children but the measures are in place to help keep everyone as safe as possible and to minimise bubbles crossing each other.

## Easter holiday dates 2021

Just a reminder that the last day of school is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March and that the children are back in school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April is a Professional development day for staff.

Please see below for dates for the next academic year 2021-2022

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### 2021 – 2022 school term dates

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Professional development days for staff

4<sup>th</sup> September – school opens for children

22<sup>nd</sup> October – school closes for half term

**Half term holiday – 25<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> October**

1<sup>st</sup> November – school opens for children

17<sup>th</sup> December – school closes for children

20<sup>th</sup> December- Professional development day for staff (to be replaced by three 2 hour twilight sessions)

**Christmas holidays – 20<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January**

4<sup>th</sup> January Professional development day for staff

5<sup>th</sup> January – school opens for children

11<sup>th</sup> February – school closes for children

**Half term holiday – 14<sup>th</sup> February – 18<sup>th</sup> February**

21<sup>st</sup> February – school opens for children

1<sup>st</sup> April – school closes for children

**Easter holidays – 4<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> April**

19<sup>th</sup> April Professional development day for staff

20<sup>th</sup> April school opens for children

**May bank holiday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – school closed**

27<sup>th</sup> May – school closes for children

**Half term holiday - 30<sup>th</sup> May- 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

6<sup>th</sup> June -School opens for children

22<sup>nd</sup> July – School closes for children