



**REFFLEY ACADEMY  
NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2024**

**Code to book uniform via Stratfords - REF001**

**Message from Miss Fendley . . .**

It seems that the majority of pupils and staff had an excellent Christmas break and are all now back into the swing of our daily school routine. I'm so very excited to say that, as a school, we've received some fantastic news to kick-start our New Year; something to truly celebrate! We received a congratulatory letter from Damian Hinds MP, Minister for Schools (please see attached) to commend Reffley Academy on the success of the phonics taught in school and the amazing screening results achieved by our KS 1 pupils. Well done to all pupils and staff involved with this tremendous assessment. As you will see, this recognition from the Department for Education, states that our school, is within the top 5% of primary schools in the COUNTRY.

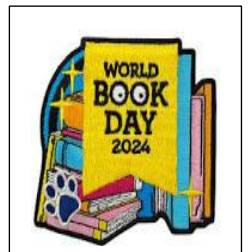
**NSPCC Number Day - Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**



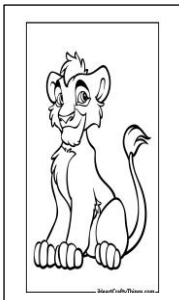
To assist with fundraising for the NSPCC we will be holding another **NON-UNIFORM** 'number day' in school. We'll be asking all children wishing to take part to wear something with a number on it instead of their usual school uniform, in exchange for a donation. During the day class lessons will hold a numerical theme to tie in and raise awareness of this worthwhile charity.

**World Book Day - Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Another fun **NON-UNIFORM day!** This time we are seeking lots of different book characters (but no money) to join us at Reffley Academy please. Bring your favourite book to life by dressing as one of its characters. Remember to bring in the book and we'll check to see how closely you resemble the character! Money off book vouchers will be given to all pupils before we break for our half-term break to use against the purchase of a new book, however, please note that tokens are valid from 15<sup>th</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> March.



**Yr. 3 pupils become part of the Lion King's pride**



Children from Yr. 3 enjoyed a fantastic matinee performance of the Lion King at London's Lyceum Theatre (10<sup>th</sup> Jan). We had very good seats at the theatre and the children could easily see the cast and animal characters walk past them as they made their way to the stage. The school received quite a few positive comments from theatre staff on our pupils' superb behaviour, which made our visit even more worthwhile. As the Lion King comes to an end in London this summer, we have already secured equally good seats to see Matilda the musical at the Cambridge Theatre, London in early December.

### **Pupil information sessions - 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be offering the opportunity for parents and carers to book in for a chat with their child's/children's class teacher on one of the above dates. Appointments will run from 3.30 - 6 p.m. on Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>) and from 3.20 - 5 p.m. on Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup>). The diary to book in appointments will be in the foyer as from 5<sup>th</sup> March for parents/carers to book an appointment.

### **Life-saving equipment at Reffley School**

We have been issued with some very useful life-saving equipment at school. A defibrillator has been installed in the school hall, if we ever have an adult or child struck down with heart failure on the premises; although, in all honesty, it is more a case of it being there but we hope we never have reason to need it.

### **Restricted vehicles on school site**

Please refrain from driving onto the school site, ***UNLESS YOU HAVE SPECIFICALLY BEEN TOLD YOU CAN DO SO***. This request is to assist with the safety of all of our pedestrian visitors, particularly our pupils and their siblings. If you hold a Disability Badge and would like to have vehicular access to school granted, we kindly ask that you provide the office with a copy of your blue badge; please note we only have one designated disabled parking bay, although other parking areas are available on site. The request NOT to drive onto the school site also covers parents & carers bringing pupils in early for breakfast club.

### **Reffley choir appears at the O2 Arena**

Several of our KS 2 pupils had the most amazing time during appearance at London on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. The children formed part of one huge choir, singing under the united banner of 'Young Voices'. All attending had a very long, but such a memorable day, which we are sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Sincere thanks to all concerned for making our first visit to this event a really marvellous experience.