

Message from Miss Fendley . . . *I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a good start to the new year.* I am looking forward to seeing the learning this term across the whole school and I know we have some exciting enrichment days coming up (please see separate list of dates and subjects). We've started the new year with Reffley Academy growing in size. Both Astra Base 1 & 2, our specialist resources bases located at school, have now opened their classroom doors to new pupils who join us from other schools within the local area.

Adult behaviour on the school grounds

It makes me very sad, as I feel the need to remind all adults of expectations to show respect to staff and others, particularly through communication and conversation, whilst on the school site. I would love everyone's experience at Reffley to be a positive one, however, should this not be the case, I would encourage individuals to make an appointment to speak with me person.

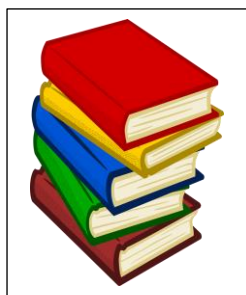


School Choir get set to 'tread' the boards again!

Reffley Voices, our school choir, will once again be travelling to appear at a national concert (Young Voices) at the O2. The KS 2 children will be making their journey to London on Friday, 24th January. We hope the experience is all they are hoping for and the experience is well worth the long journey and day.

We are seeking some 'chatty' volunteers

As part of our curriculum-based learning in school, we are looking for adults to come into school and talk to our pupils about the jobs they do, or have done, during their working career. If you would be interested to help out with this activity, please send a dojo message to Miss Fendley or Miss Hodgson; alternatively, pop into the school office and just let us know when you would be free to come into school.



A huge 'THANK YOU' for the pre-loved books

We have been exceptionally lucky to receive some pre-loved books, all of which are in a wonderful condition and we are positive the children will be enthralled with the storylines and subject matter in them. If you have any books, puzzles or games that are suitable for primary school aged children to use, we would be more than happy to take them off your hands. Such items are invaluable to us and the children during wet playtimes. If you could give the office a call before arranging to bring anything in please, that would be most appreciated.

Pupil's medical appointments

We appreciate that most businesses are striving to go become 'paperless' settings, however, when you receive an online or text notification regarding medical or dental appointment, etc., we would appreciate this being shared with the school by sending a 'screen-shot' to office@reffley.norfolk.sch.uk please?

School meals and promotions

May we remind you to book your child's school meals on their Pupil Asset account, at least one week in advance, please. The next meal promotion offered by Aspens, our school catering team, will be on **Thursday, 27th February**. This promotional meal will consist of a Hot Dog with potato wedges, served with baked beans. We'll email out a copy of the 3-week menu, plus meal promotion flyer too.

Pupil Review Sessions – Tuesday, 11th & Wednesday, 12th March*

Appointment sheets will be in the office foyer, from early March, for parents & carers to make an appointment in order to speak with their children's class teacher. Mrs. Lee, our school SENco will be available at both sessions, no appointment necessary, should you feel the need to have a chat with her about your child's special educational needs at Reffley Academy. ***Dates for pupils in YEW CLASS will vary from the listed dates above. Parents and carers will be notified by dojo message of the revised dates, once they have been finalised; please accept our apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused.**

Curriculum subjects/events pupils will be studying at Reffley during this term:-

19th January – World Religion Day. Over the course of the week, children will be visiting the subject of different world religions

3rd February – World Mental Health Week. Pupils will join in with age-appropriate discussions on how to join in with activities to relieve stress and avoid showing their anger.

7th February – Non-uniform day to celebrate Numbers Day. The event supports children's mental health charities and we're happy to collect money in from anyone wishing to send a donation to school. Children are asked to come to school in clothing which showing a number on their clothing, which could be their clothes on inside out to show the size label, football shirts or similar.

14th February – Art Enrichment Day. A wonderful way to spend the last day of this half term by children getting involved with all-things arts and 'crafty'.

24th February – Safer Internet Day. Again, all pupils will be taught how to access and use the internet with strategies to keep them safe and secure.

6th March – World Book Day. Another chance for those children who love to dress up, to do so! Pupils will have the opportunity of dressing as their favourite book character; don't forget to bring the book to school as well.

**February half term dates:-
Monday, 17th to Friday, 21st February
and return to school on Monday, 24th Feb**