

# Newsletter - Term 1 September 2023

## Nurture Discover Achieve



**E P COLLIER**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Harvest Festival

This year we will have our Harvest Festival on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. Donations will be collected from 25<sup>th</sup> September. These can include tinned produce, biscuits, pasta, coffee, tea bags, baby food, baby milk, toiletries and household cleaning items. We are collecting for Readifood as a local charity.

**ReadiFood**  
Reading's Food Bank

Welcome back

Dear All

Welcome back! It was a challenge in school last week with the heat and hopefully the heatwave is over for now! Typical that we get the sun back as we return to school!

It is still very warm inside the building so please make sure that your child has a water bottle with them to drink from during the day.

It is important that water bottles, lunch boxes and all clothes items are clearly named so we can return them to their rightful owners!

We welcome all our new staff and children this term and have already enjoyed some visits from last years year 6—looking very smart and grown up in their new uniforms!

Don't forget that myself and Miss Barnett are always available for informal chats in the playground or for more formal meetings by appointment—no issue is too small if it is of concern!

Mrs McMinn

### Dates for your diary

21st September	Flu vaccines
22nd September	KS1 parents work-shop—phonics
29th September	Harvest Festival
11th October	Individual school photos
19th October	Pupil end term 1
20th October	INSET Day
30th October	Pupil start term 2
15th December	Winter wonderland—information to follow!
20th December	End of term 2
8th January	Start term 3

### Key Stage One Phonics-Learning Together

We would like to invite you to join your child whilst they learn phonics. The open morning will take place on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. There will be a short talk for parents followed by a phonics lesson with you learning beside your child.



# Fundraising

## Phantom Brewery Event

To kick start our fund raising this year we are planning to sell tea, coffee, cakes and bakes at the Phantom Brewery Event on **17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

If you are a keen baker we would ask that you make a cake and take it to Unit 3 Meadow Rd, Reading RG1 8LB by 10am. You are welcome to stay and help or you can drop them and go.

Some info here <https://www.barnesfitness.co.uk/phantom-brewing-co-10k-beer-run/>. This is the link to the race that will take place at the Phantom Brewery that is just behind the school: Unit 3 Meadow Rd, Reading RG1 8LB.

## Pupil Premium Funding

Some of our families are entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for their children; this means that the school get additional funding to support these children academically and in other ways too.

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits you may be eligible for free school meals or the pupil premium:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please ask the school office for an application form if you think this applies to your family.

## Absences and Holidays

Please can you ensure that if your child is unwell that you inform the office directly by leaving a message on the dedicated absence line (option 1) or via email by 09:30am. You should provide the office with a daily update for each day your child is unable to attend school.

If you are planning to take a holiday during term time we would like to remind you that this will not be authorised and fixed penalty fines will be issued. It is important that if you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday or for any reason/length of time that you complete and return the appropriate form—this is required so we don't have to report your child as "missing from education" .

The request for leave form is available in the main school office foyer or on the school website under the attendance tab.