

# PRINCETHORPE INFANTS AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER 0121 475 2874

Hello Mums, Dads and Carers,  
It was lovely to see so many of you at the Consultation meetings last week. It makes a big difference to your child's progress when you show that you are interested in their learning.

We asked you to fill in the OFSTED questionnaire at the meetings and received an overwhelmingly positive response. Thank you for your kind words; it means a lot to us that you think so highly of our work. If you would like to put your answers on the official website, please visit Parent View online. [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

*From the survey results, I noticed that more parents were unsure about Homework and learning at home. I have enclosed the school policy on homework to remind you of the ways that you can help your child consolidate their school learning. Children who get help from home, are the ones who make the best progress. Thank you!*

*This Friday, we are raising money for **Red Nose Day**. All the children have to do is dress in **red**. Please donate generously—the whole point of doing this is to raise money for charity.*

*Thank you!*  
Sarah Jane Wright, Headteacher

## **PHONICS**

Phonics, or the sounds that make up words, are a key skill for your child to possess when they are learning to read and write. In English, there are 44 phonemes but only 26 letters. This makes it a tricky skill to master. Any help that you can give your child at home will help them to become better at reading. Your child's teacher will be able to give you some advice, should you require it.

**[www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk)**

*Mr Pedwell has reminded me that the Phonic Bug website is specifically designed for your child to practise their phonic skills. If you are interested in helping your child at home, see your child's class teacher for the password.*

## **The Year One Phonics Check this year will be the week beginning 10th June.**

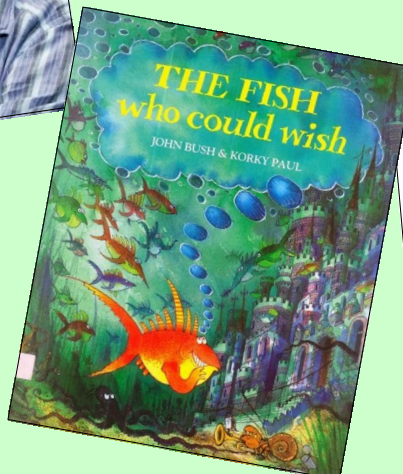
The children are required to read forty individual words. Half of these words are "nonsense" words to determine whether children can apply their phonic knowledge and successfully decode previously unseen words.

They need to have a good knowledge of the 44 phonemes to do this successfully. Look in the middle of the Reading Diary for some of these phonemes, if you would like to help your child to learn them.



If your child has a book illustrated by Korky Paul, he will sign it for them!

*Bring the book to school on Friday.*



## **Korky Paul is back!**

**He is visiting on Friday to work with every child. The children will be drawing and using their imaginations.**



### Latest research says that...

*...using electronic tablets/phones and consuming energy drinks close to bedtime is contributing to sleep problems for school children.*

*...90% children do not get enough quality sleep; the recommended amount of sleep for young children is ten hours.*



Have you thought of ...using foam letters in the bath? It helps your child remember spellings and develop their phonic skills. You spell the word, take the letters off and your child tries to remember what you did. Have Fun!!!



### Headlice



Check your whole family's heads every week to look for these nasty insects. (NOT actual size!)

Please remember to wash and send back any knickers and pants that your child borrows. School only lends them to you.

If you have any knickers or pants that your child has grown out of, please send them into school - we are running out!!

### Dates for your diary

**PLEASE DO NOT GO ON HOLIDAY DURING THESE DATES:**

**Y2 SATs in May 2019**

**Y1 Phonics 10th-14th June 2019**

**15th March: Korky Paul will be visiting our school again! He is the illustrator of *Winnie the Witch* and *The Fish who Could Wish*.**

**RED NOSE DAY 15th March  
Wear RED!!! Raise money...**

**12th April is the END of TERM  
Have a lovely Easter Holiday**

**29th April, School Term starts 8:55am**

### BUILDING LEARNING POWER



**Tough Tortoise** sticks at learning, even when it gets a bit tricky. He gets absorbed in his

learning. **Is your child like Tough Tortoise?**

Does your child enjoy a challenge? Does your child persevere, concentrate and notice details?

Talk about what you do when you get stuck, so that your child can see that learning is sometimes a bit of a struggle, even for grown-ups!



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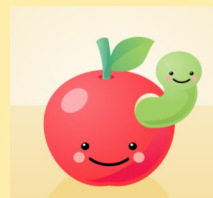
If school is closed because of snow, we will text you.



Astronomy, astrology or ancient folklore - the night skies have a wealth of surprises for you. This month...look up!

### Weekly Attendance Award

Our target for this year is 96%.



Our current attendance figure is 95%

**Let's keep this up!**

YN won the weekly attendance award this week, with 99%

**WELL DONE!**

## It does matter!

8.55am



Be at school on time!

*Sarah Jane Wright*  
Headteacher