

# ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



## Friday November 8th 2019

### READ, READ AND READ SOME MORE!!

#### READING BOOKS—NEW ORGANISATION

Miss Hacking, Miss Wenham, Mrs Boydon and Mrs O'Neill have carried out a review of the reading scheme (books with coloured bands). These still have coloured stickers on them but within some bands they have added A,B,C and 1, 2 and 3 to match the phonic stage reflected in the book. They have identified where we may have gaps due to deterioration or to a high volume of children reaching the same stage at the same time.

LSAs and volunteers who help with the changing of books have been informed of any changes and we hope that this improved organisation will speed up the changing of books for them.

The frequency for changing books is as follows: (days differ according to when children finish books, when LSAs or other adult can be timetabled, number of children—this decreases as the children move up the school)

REC - Twice a week  
Y1—Mon, Wed, Fri  
Y2—Daily if needed  
Y3—Daily if needed (except Friday)  
Y3—Daily if needed  
Y4—Daily if needed  
Y5—Daily if needed



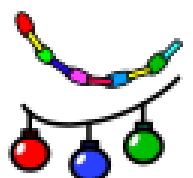
If your child finishes his/her reading book and does not have a new one please let them read something from home (fiction or non-fiction) or read to your child. There will be a valid reason if your child's book has not been changed (staff illness or events that mean the time has had to be allocated to something else on that day). Your understanding and patience on such occasions is much appreciated.

As we are at pains to say at the start of your child's journey at Arnett Hills, reading is not a race. Please trust the teacher's judgement regarding moving your child on within a band or to the next band. If your child comes home with a book he/she may have read before (as some families have at home series of books that are in our reading scheme), you could approach reading in the following ways— by chatting about the book; making up speech bubbles for the characters, looking at 'tricky' words, making up another adventure for a character in the book.....all of these interactions form an important part of the reading process (and are fun!)

**TEMPEST PHOTO ORDER DEADLINE**— order envelopes to the office by November 14th at the latest please. Any orders after this date will have to be placed online by you directly.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH** —please return your slip by November 11th.

**COATS**—We have had comments recently about children walking to school without coats on. Many of the children at Arnett Hills are very hardy and appear to have internal central heating!! However, the public would not necessarily realise this. When rain is forecast, please ensure that your child wears a coat or a light waterproof jacket because we do go out in the drizzle. The children work so hard in class so it is very important for them to play and run around. In the event of a downpour we have 'wet breaks' inside.



## CONGRATULATIONS ....

to Mr and Mrs Goulden (former parents whose last child left our school in July) on their **DOUBLE** win at the Electrical Industrial Awards 2019 for their 'Best electrical App' and the 'Commercial Product of the Year'. Mr Goulden very kindly gave us free access to Certon, a system whereby we can store and access important documents relating to our boiler and fire alarm by simply reading the QR code sticker with a mobile phone. It certainly has made life much easier for us! Good luck to the Gouldens for the future growth of their enterprise.



## PTA MATTERS

The PTA met this week to continue their planning of the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday December 7th 11am to 2pm**—please keep the date free in your diary and come to school to enjoy all that they have organised. Keep your eyes open for ways in which you can help (big or small, it all counts towards the success of the fayre).

If you have time, come along for a chat and catch up at the PTA coffee morning on Friday November 15th. Look out for raffle tickets which will be coming home to you in your child's book bag next week.

### PTA Lottery

Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st—Mrs RPikesley
- 2nd—Mrs L Smart- Kite
- 3rd—Mrs L Smart

**LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PTA EVENTS ON THE PTA BOARD IN THE PLAYGROUND**

### HOUSE POINTS

1st—Greenfinches 195    2nd—canaries 165    3rd—Kingfishers 147    4th—Robins 139

