

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Fr1day 24th January 2020

Training courses I have attended recently are all stressing the importance of early language and how vital it is that children are introduced to new vocabulary and also how sharing a story book especially with **mum or dad** has a direct link to a child's life chances and how well they will do. Often sharing a book is a good way for children to be introduced to words that they may have not heard before.

I realise many parents are rushing off to work each morning but if you do have time please stay and change your child's library book with them so you can decide together which book you would like to read.

This week the children have been reassessed on the impact of our school intervention WellComm which is designed to help progress children's communication and language development. All children are progressing well but I will speak about your child's individual progress at the next Parent Open Evening which is in a few weeks time.

Our Big Book time this week has been spent revising Nursery Rhymes and learning some new ones. This linked to rhyming words and some children being able to give more rhymes to for example wall, fall, ball,......, bell, shell, fell,, king, ring, sing, and so on. We talked about the contents page and how this book was not a story book but a book you can open at any page, you don't have to read from the first page to the last as in a story book!

At the request from one of the children to make banana cakes, we successfully made enough for everyone to have along with their mid morning drink. Check the school twitter page for photographs. The afternoon children will have the opportunity to make them next week. We talked about why we were using ripe bananas and how they looked, felt and tasted different compared to unripe bananas.

Walking Wednesday took place for the afternoon children this week. As last week the children's behaviour was outstanding. Many thanks to members of the school lunchtime staff who accompany us as without them we would be unable to take the children out of the school grounds.

Some parents have asked when will they hear about their child's place for Reception Class in September now the deadline for admissions has passed. It is usually the end of the Spring term that the authority sends the list of children's names who have expressed a preference to come to our school, whether it be 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice. The names are then ranked according to the admissions criteria and returned to the authority. You will then be informed. If you do have any questions about this please come and speak to us.