



# John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Within school over the last fortnight I have been visiting all classes to observe the children in their phonics sessions. As part of our school development plan then we are focusing on making the structure of our daily lessons more consistent. Within all year groups I have seen some excellent examples of the learning behaviours we celebrate and feel lucky that we have such great teachers to develop these within our school.

It was lovely to see so many Year One parents in school to listen to information about our phonics and then watch lessons in action. I am sure you will have been as impressed as me with how much progress the children are making. We look forward to welcoming other year groups parents for similar sessions after half term.

Nursery are at the beginning of their phonics journey and Mrs Turner and I were so impressed with a group of children who we observed blending sounds they heard to make words and help them find objects in a special phonics bag. Miss Devereux, as always, used engaging songs and actions to keep the session fun! We were both so impressed!

As per last weeks newsletter, just to remind you all that there is now a link for the songs we are learning during Thursdays Singing Assembly on the school website. I am so pleased with how well the children are doing! Please get them to look at the Makaton for 'Fight Song' if you get a chance in order to do some extra practise! Thanks to Bessie Dowman, who was a great help to me in assembly this week demonstrating to the whole school. What a star! <https://www.johnrayinfants.com/blog/?pid=7&nid=16>

Along with this newsletter is an information leaflet about the new safe parking scheme we are launching in partnership with the junior school. The children will find out about it in class next week and I will send home an additional letter to explain how it will work in the context of our school. Please read the information to get an initial understanding.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend,

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Headteacher

