

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

As ever we have had a busy half term at the Infants!

Our 'To Infinity and Beyond' topic has been super this half term. Thank you to all the families that have supported their children to research and make the fantastic array of 'space' related homework that has come into school.

Hopefully, you will have seen the information from Mrs Collier about our Book Week and Creative Arts Week which are taking place after the half term break. We will be sending reminder text messages and links to the information on our website to help you remember all the exciting activities and events taking place.

## Doodlemaths

We are continuing to see children making great progress when they access Doodlemaths regularly. This half term we introduced a Doodlemaths trophy which the classes have been working hard to win. We're looking forward to seeing which class manages to keep up the good work, and top the leader board, over half term!

## Mrs Karen Slater

As you may be aware Mrs Pierce has sadly had to share the news that Mrs Slater, Kirkstead's head of school, will not be returning to work as her diagnosis is now terminal. Mrs Slater has worked in Pinxton for over 25 years and therefore this is devastating news for many families that will have valued her dedication, support and kindness over the years.

**School reopens on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019** - Don't forget that we are having breakfast in school the first day back!

Thanks for your continued support, Christine Avery

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## Flying High Trust

We have had a number of visits this half term from the Central Team at the trust. They have been reviewing the teaching and learning at the Infant Schools and offering next steps to continue improving our schools in the future. We have also hosted teachers from other schools to demonstrate all the great practice that is already in place.

## Parent's Evenings

We will be holding parent's evenings on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March for ALL children across the Infant Schools. Don't forget to sign-up for a slot if you have not already done so.

## Performance Poetry

This year's 'book week challenge' requires the children to choose a poem to learn by heart to recite to their class during book week. Each class will vote for their favourite performance and each winner will receive a £5 voucher to use at the book fayre.

Did you know that our school is on Facebook and Twitter?