Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term break and are ready to start the new term! This term our school value is 'Peace' and we will be thinking how we can make ourselves and our classrooms a more peaceful place.

Our topic title this term is, 'It's Time to Celebrate!' and we will be exploring the following books in more detail 'The Leaf thief', 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Stickman'

We have arranged a trip to visit our local garden centre 'Twigs' on Monday 18th November and on the 10th December as we lead up to Christmas, we will also be putting on our wonderful Christmas Nativity! Please check the website, Dojo and our newsletter for any other dates!

PE and PE kit

PE sessions will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please can you ensure your child has a clearly named PE kit in school. Their PE kit should include: white t-shirt, black shorts or joggers, daps/trainers, socks and a plain black jumper or sweatshirt. Some PE lessons will be outside so please bear this in mind. If your child has long hair then they will need to have their hair tied up. If your child wears earrings, they can either be covered up with tape or removed. Please can we ask that hooped earrings are not worn for school; only studded earrings should be worn. It is also worth putting in a spare pair of underwear in case of any wetting accidents.

Water bottles

Please can you provide your child with a clearly named plastic water bottle to use throughout the day. The children can refill their bottles from the tap in the classroom. We will also provide your child with a mid-morning snack of fresh fruit as well as a carton of milk if they are signed up for Cool Milk.

Reading

We expect the children to share their book regularly at home with an adult. Please remember to record this in your child's Reading Record, the date, title of the book and your initials is fine. Reading for pleasure books DO NOT need to be recorded in reading records but please still enjoy these with your child at home. We will continue to change your child's reading book on a Monday and Friday.

The children will be rewarded for the number of times they have read at home. When your child has reads 50 times, they will receive a certificate. When they read 100 times, they will earn a bookmark and when your child reads 150 times, they will get a special badge.

<u>Homework</u>

Homework will continue to be regular reading with your child as well as phonics as we continue to learn new sounds.

Mucky Mondays

We will continue to go on welly walks during the term. Due to the nature of Early Years, these days can change so please can your child have a pair of named wellies in school to keep on the welly rack outside the classroom. We will provide your child with waterproofs suits to wear if needed.

Healthy Lunches

We encourage a healthy balanced diet and so politely ask that children's lunch boxes contain a healthy lunch at all times. This could be a sandwich, carrot/cucumber/pepper sticks, cheese, fruit and a yoghurt. Children should not be having chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or sweets in their lunch box. These will be given back at home time should they do have them. Small cakes and biscuit based chocolate bars such as a KitKat are allowed. If you would like any other lunch ideas, please do not hesitate to ask.

<u>NO NUTS!</u>

We are a nut free school and have children and staff with nut allergies so please DO NOT send nuts in your child's lunchbox. This also includes peanut butter sandwiches and Nutella sandwiches (If your child has chocolate spread you can buy a milk chocolate spread as an alternative.)

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Finally, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions. You can contact us via ClassDojo or speak to us at the end of the school day.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Miss Bentley Mrs Marr Mrs Smith