

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break. We have a very exciting but busy term ahead! This term, our school value is 'Co-operation' and we will be discussing the various ways in which we can show this both at school and at home. In Reception, our topic title this term is 'Spring to Life' - don't forget to look at our Topic Web which outlines what exciting things we will be learning about this term! Now that the weather is getting warmer, please ensure that your child has a water bottle, sun hat and coat in school everyday as well as sun cream applied in the morning.

It is VE Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May and as a school we are going to be celebrating this special day! We encourage children to wear red, white and blue on this day. We will be completing various activities in class around this celebration and are very excited to be joining the rest of the school in a whole school picnic at lunchtime.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May we would like to invite parents to come and join us in the school hall for our Reception open morning at 08:45 until 09:45. Once you have dropped your child off at their classroom door, please walk around to the school hall. Once we have taken the register, we will come down to let you in. This is an exciting opportunity to come and view your child's literacy books and to see some examples of their artwork. We will also be planting sunflowers together that your child can then take home!

We are hoping to visit 'Twigs' again this term so please keep an eye on ClassDojo for more information on this.

**\*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April is the deadline for payments for our trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park in June. If you haven't already, please could you ensure that you make payment via ParentPay\***

We post all updates on our school and class Dojo pages so please keep checking these as well as the website and newsletters for any further dates and updates.

**P.E.**

This term, P.E. will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please ensure long hair is tied back and any earrings have been covered or removed. Your child's P.E kit should be labelled and include the following items:

- ❖ white t-shirt,
- ❖ black shorts or joggers,
- ❖ daps/trainers (please ensure you have checked the sizes recently)
- ❖ spare socks and underwear.

We may do P.E outside now so please also ensure that your child has a clearly named plain black jumper or zip up hoodie in their bag. Please could you also ensure that ALL school uniform is named as often clothes can get mixed up whilst changing for PE and it is then very difficult to match items back up if there is no name.

### 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. If you have signed up to Cool Milk then your child will also have a carton of milk to drink in the morning.

### Snacks

Can I remind you that no children should be bringing unhealthy snacks in to school for their morning snack. Fresh fruit or vegetables can be brought in if you wish but we do provide your child with a snack of fresh fruit each day.

### Reading

Please encourage your child to read their phonic books to you and share their 'reading for pleasure' books together. We only count the times a child reads their Big Cat/Little Wandle book at home as part of our reading initiatives, not their reading for pleasure books or books you may have at home so please remember to only record their Big Cat/Little Wandle books in their reading record. We will continue to change books regularly. The book they bring home on a Thursday or Friday with a star in the top right corner is the one they have read during the week with us and they are always very excited about reading this to you so please try and make time for your child to read this book with you and remember to return this on a Monday morning.

### Homework

Please prioritise listening to your child read as homework but if you would like to do more, then you could use their red phonics book to practise forming letters correctly, to write words and/or sentences such as 'We went to the shop for...' or 'At the farm I can see...' or even to practise writing their tricky words.

### School Times

- ❖ **Classroom doors open at 08:30am and the register is taken at 08:35am.**  
Please arrive on time or your child will have a late mark which will affect their attendance.
- ❖ **Friday collection** is 1:30pm.

As a school we are monitoring attendance closely and constantly striving to increase our school attendance so please make every effort to come to school on time and to be on time for collection.

Thank you as always for your continued support,

Miss Bentley

Mrs Marr

Mrs Smith