**Diary Dates**

*Wednesday 4th July – Moving up day*

The children will be spending the day in Year One with Miss Crook and Mrs Mair. The children will need to enter the classroom via the double doors to the Year 1/ 2 cloakroom. This will also be the collection point for the end of the day. Please make yourself known to Miss Crook so that she can dismiss the children safely.

*Thursday 5th July – Reception School Trip to South Lake Zoo*

The children need to be at school for 8.15, please bring them with a small rucksack in which they can carry their packed lunch and sun cream (or thin rain coat if the weather changes). They will not need to bring their book bags or water bottles on this day, as they will have a refillable bottle in their packed lunch.

We will return to school for approximately 4.15, please collect from the usual place.

Friday 28th June

This week we have enjoyed learning about different cultures and languages from around the world. We have tried Italian and French foods, had language lessons from Mrs Taylor in French, Mrs Esposito in Italian and Mrs Beesley in Portuguese. We have also had visitors to teach us songs in Polish and students from Holy Cross to share French stories with us. In class we received a special parcel delivered…it was Naughty Bus! He is back from his adventures and brought us lots of goodies from Australia. We have had lots of fun learning about some of the animals who are native to Australia and having a go at creating our own dotty Aboriginal style art work. From The Reception Team

This week we have been learning…

* About lots of different languages and cultures
* To use objects to solve subtraction number sentences
* To try new things and talk about what we do and do not like
* About what makes our world wonderful and how we can protect the environment

Reading Books

Please continue to practise your child’s key ring of ‘tricky words’ and let us know when they are able to read all the words and we will add the next set. Once they are confident with these we will be able to send home more books with words.

**Please ensure you write in your child’s diary to let us know when they have read their books and how they have been getting on with them. Books should be read each night if possible to support your child’s confidence and fluency**

Phonics

This week children began working in their new phonics groups. The children have really benefitted from working in smaller groups which are targeting their needs. A particular area of need we have noticed is in ‘blending’ letters to read longer words. Please use the sheets sent home in previous weeks to practise this at home.

This week we have enjoyed…

* Playing boules outside in the sunshine
* Making our own aboriginal dotty art work
* Finding out about some of the animals which live in Australia…especially the venomous snakes and salt water crocodiles
* Trying different foods from Italy and France

Keep in touch

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\*You can also contact me directly by email if you have any concerns or questions:

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\*Send observations of your child’s learning at home by replying to the 2Simple report you have already received.

\* You can also use ClassDojo to send quick messages.

**Homework**

The children will have until **Monday 16th July** to complete their homework challenges this half term.

Thank you for your support.

Snack

In order to be able to provide a daily snack, we ask for a donation of £1 per week, per child.

Thank you for your contributions.