**Diary Dates**

*Monday 9th July – 1.15pm*

Monday afternoon is scheduled to be sports day. The afternoon will include all children taking part in a carousel of different activities as part of their house team. This will be followed by races for boys and girls in each year group. These races are not compulsory.

On the afternoon please do not encourage your child to leave their team/ class to come to see you. As you can imagine when children wander away from their team this creates a bit of a problem for staff who need to ensure that all children are safe.

The children are asked to come dressed for sports day all day, including wearing the colour t-shirt of their house team, if possible.

Thank you

Friday 6th July

This week has been a very exciting week in Reception. We started the week by looking at the book ‘Dear Zoo’ and creating our own stories thinking about which zoo animals we would like as pets and why that might not be such a great idea! This week the children also spent a day in Year One with their new teacher Miss Crook and teaching assistants Mrs Mair and Mrs Finch. The children behaved beautifully and Miss Crook is looking forward to welcoming them into her class in September. Yesterday was a very exciting day…we went on our school trip! We had a fantastic time looking at all the animals and even got to hand feed penguins and giraffes! I hope the children told you all about it. Check out our blog for photos. From The Reception Team

This week we have been learning…

* About measures and comparing sizes
* To use adjectives to describe animals
* To try new things and talk about what we do and do not like
* About all the different animals we saw in the zoo

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 with water balloons
* Making our own aboriginal dotty art work
* Finding out about some of the animals which we saw at the zoo
* Our visit to South Lakes Safari Zoo

Keep in touch

\*Follow us on twitter @stgregorys\_EYFS

\*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.

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