

Reminders

P.E

All children will take part in P.E on a Friday morning. Children will now need a full P.E kit including a white polo shirt, black shorts and pumps. Can we also remind you that children are not allowed to take part in P.E. with earrings in or without their hair tied back. It is really important for everything that the children bring to school to be named.

Forest School

Forest School will start from Tuesday 10th January. You will receive a letter informing you what day your child will be taking part in Forest School and this will be the same day every week. Please send your child to school wearing their Forest School clothes on their forest school day. Their school uniform, school coat and school shoes should be in a labelled plastic bag. Children will also need to have their wellies in school at all times. Please note Forest school is part of the school curriculum and children are expected to attend every week.

Fund

We collect a voluntary fund of 50p a week. We collect fund on a Monday morning. Fund money goes towards lots of extra activities such as cooking, crafts and topic related activities. Without this collection we will not be able to provide these extra activities for your child.

Other Information!

Parents as Partners

We would like to welcome your contribution as parents to your child's learning journey. Anything that your child does outside of school can be shared with us and put into your child's Learning Journey; this then allows us to build up a full picture of your child. In the foyer, on the wall, you will find sheets to complete with your child about what they have been doing outside of school, please feel free to take as many as you like.

Outdoor Area

Can you please make sure that children are supervised before and after school and that older children are not playing with the equipment set up in our outdoor area.

Hot Dinners

We have been really impressed with how well the children have coped with the routine for hot dinners. All children are now entitled to a free school meal and we would encourage you to take up this offer. If your child does bring sandwiches to school please make sure they put their lunchbox on the trolley. Your child's lunchbox needs to have their name on the outside.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

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Information for parents.

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Introduction

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break and Santa brought everything that was on your Christmas lists!

We have a busy term ahead of us with the children being involved in lots of lovely activities in school.

After half term we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, looking at Growth and learning about Easter.

Reminder

You do not need to send the children into school with a water bottle. All the children have access to the snack bar throughout the day where they can help themselves to water, milk or fruit.

Please keep toys and figures at home. It is upsetting when children items that are precious to them so we encourage the children to leave them where they are safe.

Literacy

This term in Literacy, we will be focusing on:

- Letter recognition
- Listening to and recognising sounds in words.
- Holding a pencil correctly.
- Writing for different purposes e.g. letters, instructions, lists, invites.

You can help at home by:

- Continue to practise writing their whole names independently.
- Providing lots of opportunities for your child to read and write at home.

Reading Books

Please make sure book bags are in school **everyday**. All the children have their book changed during the week so it is important your child has their book and planner with them at all times during the week. Please encourage your child to:

- Hold the book the correct way and turn the pages one at a time from the front to the back.
- Use story language such as “Once upon a time ...” “The end” and any other familiar story language.
- Talk about the characters and what they are doing in the pictures.
- ***Remember reading the same book time and time again allows your child to absorb story language, make predictions, retell a story and talk about their favourite part of the story.***

Maths

This term in Maths, we will be focusing on:

- Number
- Counting songs and rhymes.
- Estimating
- Number recognition
- Matching numbers to amounts.

You can help at home by:

- Singing number songs and rhymes.
- Looking at numbers in the environment.
- Counting actions eg. Steps to bed.

Family Read

We would like to invite you to attend family read on a Friday at 2.55pm until 3.10pm. This is an opportunity for you to share a story or your child's learning journey. This will take place in your child's classroom.