

Friday 15th January 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Topics for the Spring Term

R.E - Come and See	Books Thanksgiving Opportunities
Science	Animals and Humans-Keeping Healthy Life Cycles
P.E	Gymnastics - Pathways-straight, zig zag, curving
P.E.	Rugby
Topic	History-Significant People and Events-The Great Fire of London, Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, William Caxton and Tim Berners Lee Geography- World Explorers- Oceans and 7 Continents of the World
Class Author Class Poet	Julia Donaldson Alan Ahlberg
Class Focus Book Class Focus Poem	The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson Switch on the Night by Ray Bradbury

Just a few reminders

Punctuality / Absence

The children should line up at 8.55am on the playground unless it is raining heavily, in which case, classroom doors will be opened a little earlier. It is your responsibility to supervise them up until this point. Any child arriving after the class have entered the classroom at 8.55am needs to go to the main door to be signed in by Mrs Glanvill or Mrs Campbell. If for any reason your child is absent from school, please contact us to let us know. If we do not hear from you, then Mrs Featherstone, our Learning Mentor, will ring to find out why your child is absent. If you need to collect your child at any time in the day for an appointment, could you please report to the office and your child will be collected from their classroom.

Praising and rewarding

As well as Golden Time, throughout the school day children are encouraged and praised. Praising of good behaviour helps to reinforce the message to all children. Good behaviour, good work, good manners, and caring for others are rewarded. As well as sticky badges, smiley faces and general praise, the following reward systems are used: Certificates, Headteacher Awards, Golden Table, Star of the Week Certificate and Tea with Mrs Hannah. There is also a termly achievement assembly in which, amongst other things, attendance and punctuality are also celebrated.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform and that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name to prevent items getting lost. Also, please ensure that long hair is tied back at all times. P.E. lessons are on a Tuesday, Wednesday and a Friday. Could you please make sure that your child has their full P.E. kit in school on these days.

Water Bottles and Snacks

Please encourage your child to bring in a water bottle. They will have opportunities throughout the day to refill their bottle if necessary. Please ensure your child brings their bottle home for washing and brings it back to school refilled in the morning. The children can also bring in a snack to be eaten during break time. Please encourage the children to bring a healthy snack. We do not allow chocolate or sweets for snack.

Art T-shirts

Children need to have an old t-shirt or shirt to protect their uniform during art activities. This can be kept in school for the year.

After school clubs for Year 2

Children can attend the following clubs each week:

Monday-Rugby

ICT- Tuesday 3:15-4pm

Choir - Thursday from 3:15-4pm

The cost of each club is £1, which your child should send into class in an envelope with their name written on the front.

Reading Books

Reading Books are changed every Tuesday and Thursday and Ra,Ra,Ra every Tuesday. Please read with your child each night. We also encourage the children to read for 'pleasure'. Friday nights' homework is to share a book together, resources you will need are pyjamas, a duvet, favourite teddy and a good book. This could be a book that you read to your child or one that you read together. Knowsley Library is a brilliant service to use and could be part of your Friday homework task!

Book Tree

Please remember to visit our Book Tree at the front entrance. You can borrow a book or donate a book by leaving or taking a book from the basket.

Class Reader

We are reading *The Faraway Tree* by Enid Blyton. If you are stuck for ideas then this would be a good book to share with your child on a Friday.

Code of Conduct

- Correct school uniform must be worn unless there is a particular explained reason. This includes P.E kit.
- Children should not run inside school. They should move around the building in a safe and sensible manner.
- At break time, children may eat a piece of fruit or a healthy snack. Sweets and chewing gum are not allowed in school.
- After leaving the building at lunchtime, children should not re-enter the school building without permission.
- Children must show respect to all adults in the school.
- No abusive language is tolerated.
- Jewellery, apart from a wrist watch, is not permitted.
- Nail varnish should not be worn.
- No mobile phones will be allowed in school without permission.

Behaviour and School Golden Rules

Do be gentle	Don't hurt anyone
Do be kind and helpful	Don't hurt people's feelings
Do listen	Don't interrupt
Do work hard	Don't waste your or other people's time
Do look after property	Don't waste or damage it

As always, if there is anything else you would like to ask about or any concerns you may have, do not hesitate to speak to me any day after school. As I am sure you will understand it is very difficult for me to discuss any issues at 8.55am when I come to collect the children from the playground. I am however, here to help and will make time, preferably after school, to sort out any problems you might have. I, like you, want the children to have an enjoyable and productive year and will do my best to ensure that this happens.

Many thanks,

Mrs Edge and Mrs Davison

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
Nelson Mandela

