



Newsletter – Autumn 2


Welcome back to school after the break. We have a busy, fun filled half term planned for your children, and we are looking forward to the weeks ahead! It was wonderful to meet with you all at parents evening prior to the holiday, thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 8th Dec	Christmas play / pantomime treat for the children am (EY, KS1 then KS2)
Tuesday 12th Dec	EY Christmas play and KS1 Nativity 13:30 ~ all parents welcome
Wednesday 13th December	EY Christmas play and KS1 Nativity 9:30 ~ all parents welcome
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas parties! (NO FOOD NEEDED) Christmas Jumper Day! Bring £1 Christmas dinner (and crackers!)
Friday 22 nd Dec	INSET DAY

Reminders

Please could we ask that children bring in a named drinks bottle containing water. We continue to have a 10.30 snack of milk / water and a choice of fruit or vegetables provided by school.

Please could all children wear shoes that are safe to climb in every day eg. trainers or school shoes. This allows all children to play outside regularly and safely (including on the castle). Please also bring a warm coat each day, we aim to use our fabulous outdoor area as much as possible throughout the Autumn and Winter. 

Please can we also have a pair of wellies to keep in school for wet days, forest school etc.

Weekly Overview

We offer a broad curriculum covering many areas of learning in each session. However, we plan to focus on these specific areas on the following days:

Monday – Writing and mark making

Tuesday – RE and PE

Wednesday – Reading and creative development

Thursday – Maths and music

Friday – Looking at the world

Learning

Our topic for this half term is 'Celebrations'. Here is a summary of what we will cover:

Bonfire Night
Friendship week and Remembrance Day
Children in Need and World Kindness Day
Birthdays
Advent and NSPCC safety week
Nativity
Christmas

Activities to practise at home – here a few ideas of short and simple activities you could do at home to support your child's learning:

1. Please can you help your child to spot writing in the world around us e.g. road signs, labels in supermarkets, writing in stories. Can they tell you where to begin reading and which direction to go in?
2. Talk about and name 2D shapes, for example, circles, and rectangles and say how many sides and corner they have.
3. The children are doing brilliantly at holding their pencils and scissors correctly. Please continue to practice these skills at home and alter their grip where needed.

We would love to see anything they create or do at home. Feel free to upload their activities onto Tapestry or bring them in to show us.

Keeping in touch

Please remember to catch us for a chat either before or after school if you have any questions or concerns.

Tapestry is a great way for you to see what your children have been learning and experiencing at school. Please let us know if you are unable to access it or have any questions. We use this as a way to pass on important messages and communications as well as lovely photos taken throughout each day.