

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support during the Spring Term. Many of the children are following daily routines independently and adapting well to school life. In order to continue to develop their independence and prepare them for Key Stage 1, we would like all children to be able to leave their parents/carers at the cloakroom door from the beginning of the Summer Term. Some children are already doing this, however you may wish to approach this gradually during the next half term.

Our topic continues to be 'Bears' until the end of this term. During the second half of term our activities will focus on:

- Peace at Last and Threadbear
- Goldilocks
- Winnie the Pooh

We will be finishing the topic with a Teddy Bears Picnic that will be held on Wednesday 1st April at 2pm. Family members are invited to join us on this picnic. Reception class will entertain their families with songs, stories and dances that they have been working on during the term. The children will have their lunch as usual at 12pm but you may wish to provide a lighter lunch and share food with your child during the picnic. Please could families bring their own lunch and a blanket. If the weather is poor, the picnic will still go ahead but will be relocated to the school hall.

The Core Learning Skills for the approaching half term is known as 'Knowing Me, Knowing You'. Reception will focus on:

- I can identify a friend.
- I can show disagreement when I feel something is wrong for me and agreement when I feel something is right.
- I can share my beliefs with others.
- I can say something I'm good at.
- I can identify when I need to seek help from others.

To support your child's learning you may wish to follow some of these learning skills at home.

Read, Write, Inc is proving to be very successful and the children are thoroughly enjoying their learning. Groups are now organised into those who are reading Green books (Level 1 within the phonics programme, revising set 1 sounds and learning set 2 sounds), Ditties (short phrases using Set 1 sounds) and those who continue to revise Set 1 sounds. Please support your child by revising their knowledge, using 'Fred talk' in conversation e.g. Please get your c-oa-t, writing the sounds accurately and sharing books together.

We will be sharing a Mother's Day performance on Thursday 19th March at 2:30pm. Family members are invited to join us. Three seats will be allocated to each family. However, any seats that are not required by families will be distributed to those that request spare tickets. Please note that spare seats cannot be guaranteed.

Norwood's Got Talent will be held on Thursday 26th March. Several children have shown an interest in the competition. Entrance forms are available from the school office. Forms should be completed and returned to school by Friday 13th February. Children will need to prepare their performance for auditions that will be held on Thursday 26th February. Successful acts will then be chosen to perform at the talent show. The talent show is a thoroughly enjoyable experience for children to show off their talents. Families will be invited to watch the Talent Show during an evening performance on Thursday 26th March.

Our scheduled PE time for the coming half term is Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. However we may choose to use other opportunities throughout the week for Physical Development. Depending upon the weather we will be using indoor and outdoor facilities and so it would be ideal for your child to have their full PE kit in school at all times. Please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor PE clothing within their kit.

We will now visit the library and ICT suite on Thursdays.

Please continue to provide your child with a water bottle. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. We also have a water fountain that the children may use.

We currently provide milk and fruit for all children within Reception class. Fruit is provided by a government scheme for all children up to the age of 7. However, we are only permitted to provide milk for children under the age of five. If you would like your child to continue to have milk after their fifth birthday, please complete a form and post it to the *Cool Milk* company. Milk forms are attached to the Reception Notice board.

It is vital that all items of your child's clothing are named. As personal items are difficult to recognise, it will enable members of the team to identify your child's clothing immediately. If unnamed items of clothing are found, they will be placed in the *Lost Property* box in the children's cloakroom.

The *Parent/Carer's Notice Board* in the children's cloakroom is continually updated. We hope you are finding it useful. If you have any suggestions that you would like us to add, please let the Reception Team know.

If you wish to speak to members of the Reception Team, we are available from 8:45-8:55 am and 3:15-3:25 pm. For longer discussions please make an appointment at the office.

Thank you for all of your support with your child's learning.

Yours Sincerely,

The Reception Team

Miss J. Swift

Mrs L.Lewin

Miss L.Back

Mrs D. Todd

Miss J. Greenwood

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