



January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break. Thank you very much for your generous Christmas gifts and kind wishes, they were really appreciated by all.

With this letter is attached an overview of some of the things your child will learn this term. In Reception we always try to plan according to the children's interests so things are subject to change!

Topic

This term we will be following the topic 'We are storytellers'. We will be reading various traditional tales as well as more recently published books. We have started with 'The Gingerbread Man' and will also be covering mini topics such as Chinese New Year. We will also be having a week where we will focus on other faiths after half term.

Learning journals

We have introduced special moment certificates for the children this term. If your child has a special moment at home, for example a certificate from a club or learns something new such as to ride their bike, you can complete a special moment certificate. We will then share these with the class before adding them to their learning journal. We also love hearing about the children continuing their learning at home so this can also be added onto a certificate.

Uniform

Please be aware that we go outside in **ALL** weathers and bring your child into school dressed appropriately. We do have some wellies in school however if your child would like to bring their own to keep in school they may do so. Please make sure they are clearly named.

Please could you ensure **ALL** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name, including their shoes, socks, gloves, hats, etc.

Unfortunately our garden does get very muddy. If you would like to provide your child with some tracksuit bottoms or waterproof trousers for when they go outside please do so. We would ask that your child can dress into them independently before they are brought into school.

If your child has borrowed any of our spare uniform please could you make sure it has been returned as we are running very low on spares, especially trousers.

Snack

Snack money is £12 for the term. The preferred method of payment is 'School Gateway'. If you are paying in cash/cheque please make sure money is sent in with your child's name, class and amount written clearly on the envelope. The office cannot accept any money that is not in an envelope. We really do appreciate the payment of snack money so that we can provide your child with a variety of snacks during the day but also it allows us to buy ingredients for cooking and curriculum enrichment.

Milk

When your child turns 5 they are no longer eligible for the free milk scheme. The week of your child's birthday they will stop the order. If you wish your child to continue receiving milk you need to order milk from www.coolmilk.co.uk. Please note they require 2 weeks notice to start sending milk again.

Please check with your child if they do still want the milk as we are getting a lot wasted. If you would like your child to change to water please let a member of staff know.

Birthdays

When your child has a birthday we like to celebrate with them in school. As part of our 'healthy school policy' and due to allergies in class, we would ask you not to send in anything edible. If you would like to bring anything we would always appreciate a book for the class library.

Reading books

Please can you make sure your child's reading record is kept in their bag every day so that they always have it in school for when they need it. Books will be changed every Monday and Thursday.

The free choice library books are going to continue to be changed by an adult during the session on a Wednesday. Books can only be changed if they are brought in on that day.

Parent helpers/Mystery Reader

If you would like to be a Mystery Reader please ask for a clue sheet. We will try our best to work around when you are free. All you need to do is bring in a book that you enjoy reading with your child to read to the class.

We would also appreciate parent helpers during the week. If you can spare some time to help we would be very grateful. We would be especially grateful for people to come and support a group during reading time. If you are free on a regular basis please let us know.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Saunders and Mrs Elliott