



Tuesday 5th November 2013

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the half-term break. The countdown to Christmas has begun!

Our learning

This half term our focus will be around celebrations. Please see the reverse of this letter for more detail about what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas.

Homework

Homework is sent home every Monday and should be returned by Friday each week. Homework is a vital part of your child's learning but also earns them a smiley face when it is completed and returned on time. Late or incomplete homework will result in consequences such as missing playtime, a red sticker and scoring 0 points for their House Point Team. Please help your child to earn the rewards.

Poetry Journals

Thank you to everyone who is reading the Poem of the Week each week with their child, and to those who are remembering to return it every Monday in order to receive the new poem. Ten house points are awarded to children who remember their journal every Monday, and an extra smiley face is also awarded.

Spellings

Spellings to learn are sent home on a Monday and children will be tested the following Monday. Please help your child to learn their spellings by encouraging them to use the 'look, cover, write, check' method and/or by looking at any spelling patterns in the set of words. A smiley face is awarded to children who score 8, 9 or 10 out of 10.

Reading

Reading should be a little every day whenever possible. Children are rewarded with a smiley face for reading at least once in a week. We are also awarding a special bookmark prize to children in Celebration Assembly each week for their efforts in reading. Please help your child to earn these rewards by reading lots at home... it will really benefit your child's learning. Please remind your child to bring their book bag every day – a smiley face is also awarded for this. Books in book bags are changed every Friday (unless your child hasn't finished with them yet – please make sure that comments in Reading Diaries reflect this.)

PE

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school all week, including suitable pumps or trainers, to ensure that your child does not miss out on this important part of the curriculum. Suitable clothing for outdoors PE, such as tracksuit bottoms and trainers, should also be in your child's kit. PE days change, so please bring your kit on Monday and don't take it home until Friday. Please ensure all clothing is named. Please remember all of the appropriate clothing and equipment for Forest Schools, which will be for Year 3s on a Wednesday afternoon this half-term.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who sends their child(ren) to school wearing the correct uniform. House points awarded to children take into account your child's uniform so please keep it up! Please put your child's name in all of their clothing. Please make sure your child is well equipped for the cold weather with a coat, hat, gloves and scarf.

Water bottles

Thank you for your continued support regarding children's water bottles. The water bottles school has purchased for every child are ensuring that all children are hydrated all day – great for improving their concentration, memory and attention. Please remember that water bottles should only contain water.

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th December – Trip to Thwaite Mills (see separate letter – please return consent form and money soon)

Wednesday 18th December – Class 2W Christmas play performance (letter will follow soon with details of your child's part and costume requirements). Please remember to buy your ticket from the office as soon as possible to help us to support the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal.

Friday 20th December – Training Day – School closed

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. I am always happy to help.

**Yours sincerely,
Miss H. Watson**

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