

## Family Unit's

# Newsletter

November 2013 – Autumn Term 2

Welcome back everyone! Hope you have all had plenty of rest, good fun and are refreshed and ready for a very busy, exciting new half term!

### Where does food come from?

This is the title of our new topic for the beginning of this half term. We will have different role play areas set up throughout, for example; a supermarket, a cafe, a restaurant and a take-away shop. We will be enjoying a range of stories based around food, e.g. The Enormous Turnip, The Tiger who came for Tea and Handa's Surprise. The children will be helping to prepare and eat a variety of different foods, e.g. fruit salad, sandwiches and also food from different cultures. If any parent wishes to contribute a dish, please speak with a member of staff – it would be greatly appreciated!

The last few weeks of the half term, we will be preparing for Christmas – rehearsing our concert and enjoying the festivities.

Although our main topic is looking at food, we will still be following the children's interests and using these to make their learning personalised. As always, please let us know of anything that your child is enthusiastic about at home. Thank you to those of you that have given us photos and observations to add to your children's profiles – keep them coming.

### PE

We ask for PE kits to be in school everyday so please bring them in on a Monday and keep them in school until Friday. Please make sure your child has correct PE kit: navy shorts, white T-shirts and trainers.

### Help at Home

Please make sure your children are well rested ready for the fun packed day ahead.

Please continue to read with your children whether this is the reading book they have with school or books you share with your children at home. Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school everyday. We send letters, books, phonics and poems (yr1) home weekly so please check your book bag.

### Outdoor Clothing

Now that the weather is starting to get wintery, please ensure your child brings a warm coat, hat and gloves to school as the children have access to our outdoor area most of the day. Please make sure all property is named.

### Penny Pledge

Every Friday, as a treat we offer each child a biscuit to eat along with their fruit at 'snack and chat' time. This helps the children understand the importance of eating fruit but also the importance of having a treat occasionally! In order to fund special treats such as this as well as allowing us the opportunity to put extra funds towards activities we do and resources we buy throughout the year based on your children's interests we would like to ask for donations of spare change you may have which you would like to contribute. There will be a 'Mickey' moneybox available and we really appreciate any contributions you feel able to make, we will put them all to good use!

### Forest School

Year 1 children will be attending the Forest School sessions this half term on a Tuesday morning. Please ensure you have signed a permission slip for your child before the sessions are due to start. Each Tuesday, please send your child to school in their Forest School clothing and a bag with their uniform in to change into on their return from the forest.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Training day.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Church.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Pudsey Bear – 50p to wear your onesie/pjamas to school

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Parents English activity morning.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Advent service at St. Mary's Church.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Celebration.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Family Unit concert pm.

Thank you

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Family Unit concert am.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 2W concert am & pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Carol service at St. Mary's

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Training day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – New Term starts