



Mrs. Loring's Newsletter



September 2016

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer. Welcome back to class 2 - or a very warm welcome if you have joined us this term from the Family Unit.

This half term's learning is focused on Geography; particularly on life on a small island. Much of our work will be based around the Katie Morag stories and the Island of Struay (the Isle of Coll in the Shetlands). We will be learning about physical and natural features; creating maps; learning how to program the 'beebots' to travel from one place to another; exploring different materials and their properties; looking at seasonal change; creating pictures and models of buildings; celebrating Harvest; singing sea shanties and learning about the history of Micklefield in a special whole school themed week.

Reading

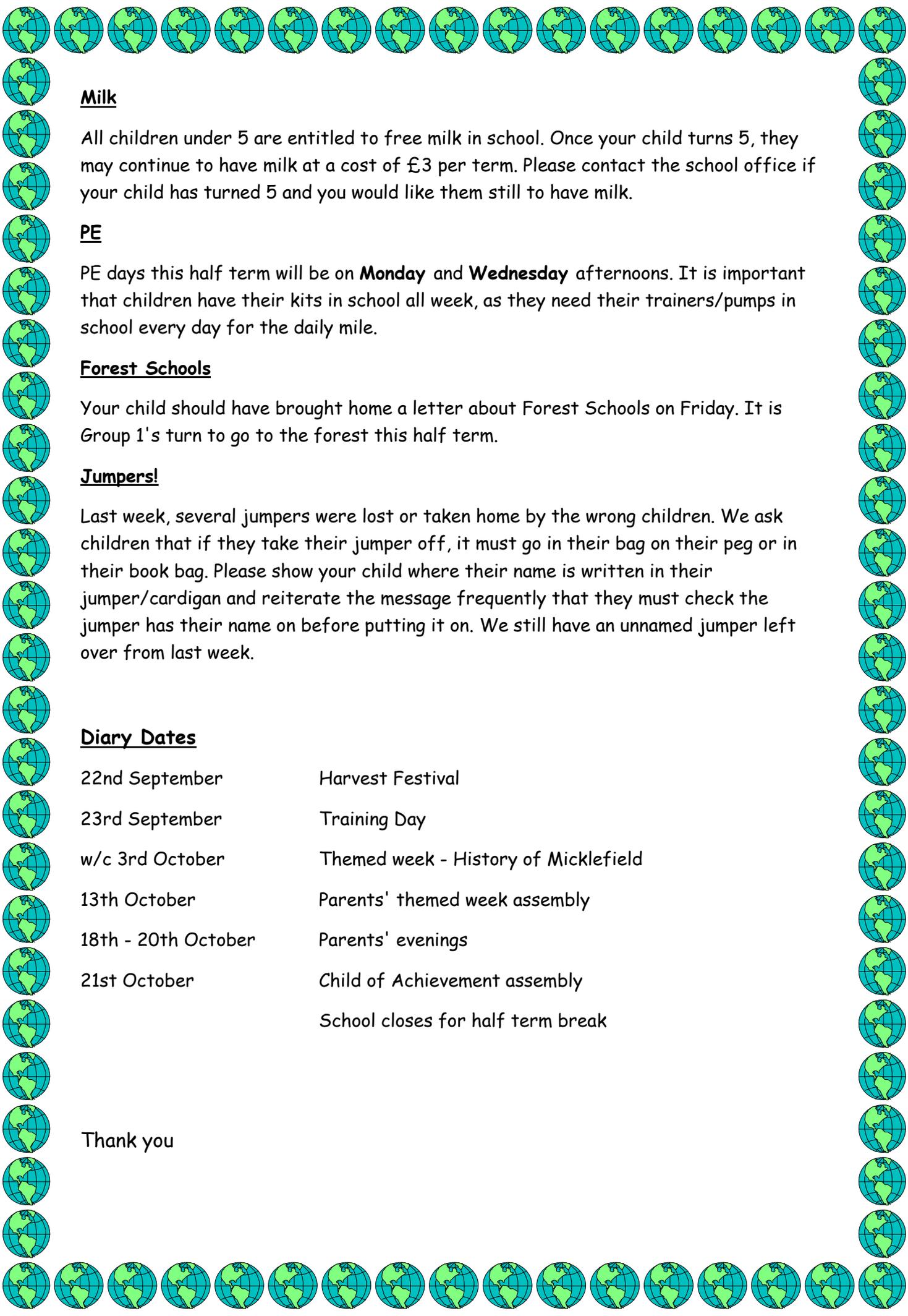
Reading a little every day at home is crucial in order to increase fluency and strengthen sight vocabulary. The children will read at school on a daily basis, but only when we hear your child read the book we send home will we make a comment in their reading record.

Please do not worry if you think your child's reading book seems easy for them. We teach reading every day, where the children are challenged with texts that will help them to make progress. Your child should be reading their home reading book with a least 95% accuracy, and the main purpose of working through our scheme, is so that they read a broad variety of both fiction and non-fiction books. We would normally send home 2-3 books home per week at this stage.

Homework

Homework will be mainly spellings and reading this year. With the increase in national expectations, a child can no longer be assessed as meeting the standards in writing unless they are secure in spelling. Whilst we teach and practise spellings on a daily basis, the children need much more practice for these spellings to become truly embedded. Please go through your child's spellings with them every day and ask them to practise writing their words on the sheet in their homework book. We will check how secure the children are on a Friday, and send home the next set of words the following week (or resend words you child isn't secure with).

Next half term, we will be launching a whole school 'Topic Detectives' homework, where families can work with their children on much more exciting tasks and activities.



Milk

All children under 5 are entitled to free milk in school. Once your child turns 5, they may continue to have milk at a cost of £3 per term. Please contact the school office if your child has turned 5 and you would like them still to have milk.

PE

PE days this half term will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. It is important that children have their kits in school all week, as they need their trainers/pumps in school every day for the daily mile.

Forest Schools

Your child should have brought home a letter about Forest Schools on Friday. It is Group 1's turn to go to the forest this half term.

Jumpers!

Last week, several jumpers were lost or taken home by the wrong children. We ask children that if they take their jumper off, it must go in their bag on their peg or in their book bag. Please show your child where their name is written in their jumper/cardigan and reiterate the message frequently that they must check the jumper has their name on before putting it on. We still have an unnamed jumper left over from last week.

Diary Dates

22nd September	Harvest Festival
23rd September	Training Day
w/c 3rd October	Themed week - History of Micklefield
13th October	Parents' themed week assembly
18th - 20th October	Parents' evenings
21st October	Child of Achievement assembly
	School closes for half term break

Thank you