

Family Unit's

Newsletter

Are you ready to walk the plank?



PE

The children need to make sure they have their PE kit in school every day. We are very spontaneous in the Unit and this means that PE can happen at any time and may or may not involve every child all the time, depending on what other activities your child is showing an interest in.

Help at home

All year 1 and F2 children now have a reading book which will be changed regularly. Please keep listening to your child read. Just 5 minutes a night makes all the difference in building your child's confidence in reading.

Spare Clothes

Our family unit children are still very young and do have the occasional toileting accident. Please bring a change of clothes for your child to leave on their peg so they can quickly change and continue to enjoy their activities.

Observations

We are now sending home parents' copies of the half termly observations we carry out on F1 and F2 children. These are part of our assessment of what skills a child has and help us to plan appropriate activities to further your child's development.

We would greatly appreciate any comments you have on these observations. For example, you may want to tell us about your child's pedalling skills when we have observed him or her playing on the trikes at school. All the information we gather both within the classroom and from the information you give us feeds into their Early Years Profile and help us to build an accurate picture of your child's development.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 30th January – Pirate activity afternoon; all parents and carers welcome!

Friday 15th February – Break up for half term

Monday 25th February – Training Day

Tuesday 26th February – Back to school

Thank you

The Family Unit Staff. (Gabi Mitchell, Lucy Gillatt, Jane Myers, Jean Potter, Anne Colman and Helen Walton)

Our topic this half term is pirates. We will be learning about how they lived, making treasure maps and pirate ships and having lots of fun searching for pirate treasure. As always we will be following the children's interests.

If you have any pirate books or dressing up clothes we could use during our topic they would be much appreciated. Also any junk modelling materials such as cardboard boxes and tubes would be gratefully accepted.

(No toilet rolls please).

Nativity

A massive thank you for everyone's support with our nativity production. It was hugely appreciated. The children really enjoyed their performance as did everyone who saw it.

If anyone has any costumes which are old or outgrown which they would like to donate for future productions they would be gratefully accepted.