



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe how quick the first half-term has been, and it has been a joy to get to know your child over the last few weeks. I am sending this letter before the half-term holiday as there are some important dates and changes to our weekly timetable which you need to know about. Should you need anything or have any questions, please come and see us after school once the children have been released. We are always more than welcome to assist in any way that we can. Keep an eye out for the new curriculum overview after half-term for more information about what our focuses will be on. Please read the information below.

- **Things to be brought into school**

A book bag, labelled water bottle, labelled PE kit in a drawstring bag to be kept in school, labelled wellies, a coat and a packed lunch if that is your lunch choice for your child at lunch times.

- **Carol Service in the Church – 19.12.24**

Your child will be taking part in a carol service where the traditional nativity story will be narrated by Year 2 while EYFS children act out the scenes. Afterwards, family members of EYFS children will be invited back to our classroom to share a drink and mince pies/biscuits and congratulate/take pictures of your child. You are warmly invited to attend as well as close relatives such as grandparents. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **PE – Tuesday morning (30 minutes) and Wednesday morning**

We will be sending PE kits home over the half-term so that they can be washed and brought back to school on the first day after the holidays. Please continue to ensure all jewellery is removed at home and hair is tied back. We cannot provide tape for earrings or to cover any other type of jewellery. Please label all PE clothing and uniform with your child's name to avoid lost clothes. We will be taking part in a programme called 'Big Moves' after the half-term provided by a company who aim to work with EYFS children to engage and build their core as well as develop gross motor skills. This is a short session over 6 weeks and we will let you know the once the programme is due to end as we will then be having PE on our usual day – Wednesday. Please see the letter in your child's bookbag for more information.

- **Spare clothes**

If your child has worn any of the school's spare clothes, please could these be washed and brought back as soon as possible. A reminder to bring a spare set of clothes for your child in case they have any accidents during the school day.

- **Tapestry**

A reminder about completing the Tapestry consent slip if you would like your child to have an account created and a parent linked so you can see their work and creations throughout the year. We have not had many reply slips back and only those parents linked to their child will be able to have access to Tapestry. If you would like a paper copy, please see the Office.

- **Reading**

It has been lovely to hear your child tell us stories from picture books, spot initial sounds in words and begin recognising tricky words which have been taught. Please continue to keep up with reading at least 3 times a week. Please continue to help your child to speak in full sentences when describing picture books and support your child to 'say the sounds and read the word' when word books have been given. Any time you have read with your child, please date, sign and write a comment in the diary which we will then check. They do not have to finish the book in 1 day. They could read 1 page on one evening, 2 pages another evening and back to 1 page on the third evening. We will move your child's face on our reading chart every time you hear them read at home. If your child has read 3 or more times in a week, they will receive 1 house point on their sticker chart. We also advise that your child reads their book twice, in order to develop fluency and practise answering questions as part of reading comprehension. We will hear all children read during the week.

As mentioned before, if there is anything you are unsure about or have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day once the children are released. We are very excited for this half-term's topics and of course our Carol Service/Nativity production in the church in December!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Chana