

Newsletter 14th July 2017

Key Stage 1 Sports Day

The decision to cancel sports day was not taken lightly. Mr Cairns had monitored the weather forecast and knew that heavy rain was not due to stop until 9.00pm on Tuesday night. School Leaders knew that the field would not be sufficiently dry by the morning to allow the children to take part safely. The event has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 18th July 1.30 - 3.00pm. The weather forecast for next Tuesday is currently sunny and dry. All children will need to have a full PE kit in school for this. As the forecast is warm all children will need a sunhat and a water bottle containing water only. This will be re-filled when needed. Sun-cream should be applied in the morning before school. The children will compete in a series of activities with other Key Stage 1 children and we will be with the children throughout. Please join us if you can; it is always enjoyable.

School Reports

In school bags this week will be the children's school reports. Included in the report is the end of year Early Years profile which shows the current level your child is working at. This data enables us to do a robust handover to the new Year 1 teachers and ensure that the learning and provision in September is correct.

Our Learning this Week

Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group have continued to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's phonics group have continued to work through Phase 5 letters and sounds and applied this in their sentence work each day. Mrs Dodd's group have worked with CVCC words within Phase 4 focussing on the initial blends in words and incorporating this into our sentence work. Our introduction to polysyllabic words was super and the children worked extremely hard looking at new words which were a little longer to de-code: we will continue to work on this next week. In our maths sessions we have been working on combining two numbers and writing the number sentence correctly.

Junk Modelling Materials

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week; the children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school as we will always need the materials replacing.

Lego Cards and Fidget Spinners

Some children have been bringing the new Lego cards and fidget spinners into school. This has caused some of our children to become upset when they lose or "swap" cards and do not fully understand when they cannot find them or get them back from other children or the spinners are lost or broken. They are exciting and a great opportunity to be part of playtimes with older children but we would be grateful if you would talk to your children about whether they want to take them with them to school at all.

PE Kits

We will be sending the children home in their PE Kits on Tuesday after the sports day; they do not need to be returned to school until September. This will give you an opportunity to check the sizing of PE kits and pumps.

Twitter

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please look as we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share this with us.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

We were able to watch the dress rehearsal for the Year 6 production "The Amazing Adventures of Superstan" and the children loved it.

Next Week

Celebration Assembly and Teddy Bear's Picnic Monday 17 July 9.00 am - 10.30 am

It will be our final Celebration Assembly on Monday morning in the main hall. This will be a very short assembly celebrating the year together and our favourite moments. Weather permitting, we will then go on to the school field for our "Teddy Bear's Picnic". Please come with a picnic blanket to sit on and a small snack and drink to share with your child. If you are unable to attend please let Mrs Dodd know and we will ensure that all children have a snack to eat and a member of staff/parent to share the experience with. Please remember when choosing snack items that we are a nut-free/kiwi-free school. We are really looking forward to sharing this time with everyone. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask a member of the team. There will be some equipment for the children to play with on the field.

Reading Books and Reading Diaries

All children have been benchmarked to determine their level of reading for Year 1. We will send the reading diaries home with the benchmarking sticker inside and ask that all reading books that you currently have are returned to school next week. We can then re-order and replace any book banded books that are necessary for September.

Our Learning

Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. They will incorporate some of the new phonemes that they have been using in recent weeks, into their sentences. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4, we will continue to look at polysyllabic and include this in our sentence work each day. In our maths sessions we will be looking at sharing which is the start of division. The sessions will be very practical and we will end the week with a variety of maths and phonics activities for the children to complete.

Visit from Musician - Singer/songwriter, Ben Noke, Thursday 20 July

We are delighted to be welcoming a London-based singer/songwriter Ben Noke to perform for our children. An effortless and brilliant pianist who works on a number of musical styles from jazz to pop. This will be a super experience for our children.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17 July Celebration Assembly 9.00-10.30am followed by Stay and Play Teddy Bear's Picnic (weather permitting).

Tuesday 18 July Sports Day - KS1/EY 1.30 - 3.00pm

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson