

## Early Years Newsletter 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

We have had a number of cases of "slapped cheek" in school. This is a common viral infection and once the rash appears, the children are less contagious to other children and staff.

Symptoms include a cold, fever and generally feeling unwell. As parents, please judge whether your child is "fit" for school and always contact the school office to advise of any absences.

### **Celebration Assembly**

Thank you to everyone who came to our celebration assembly today. We love to share our learning and the children were very excited. Their confidence has grown immensely over the year and it is always lovely to see all the children fully engaged at this special time.

### **Mystery Readers**

Thank you so much to everyone who has been one of our mystery readers over the course of the year. The children love to see who it will be and listen to a wonderful story. If you would like to be a mystery reader before we end the academic year, please speak to Mrs Dodd and she will arrange it.

### **Our Learning this Week**

In phonics, both groups have been reviewing our existing sounds, tricky words and high frequency words each session. Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group have been developing their understanding of CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant). They have been looking at polysyllabic words and incorporating them into their sentence work. Mrs Dodd's group have worked on CVCC words within Phase 4 and developed their sentence work ensuring correct letter formation. In our maths sessions, we have worked with the concept of subtraction. We have used the mathematical language associated with this and ensured that the children knew that the numbers get smaller. We wrote number sentences in our maths books and worked practically in our maths sessions.

Thank you to everyone who brought in fruit for the fruit salad this week. The children worked in small groups and handled safety knives to prepare their own snack. In our afternoon sessions, we talked about healthy eating and what we already knew and what we wanted to find out. We then developed our understanding of keeping healthy.

### **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.

### **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.

**Reward Achievements**

Early Years have achieved their target tokens and we have chosen to use the "trim trail and the outside pens with outdoor equipment as a reward. We are delighted and we will share this on Tapestry.

**Missing Sweatshirts**

We have had a number of parents saying they are missing sweatshirts. Can you check that all items of uniform are named clearly. We have a lost property box in the main hall and we encourage the children to put their sweatshirts in their tray.

**Next Week**

Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words using the letter sounds from Phase 2 and Phase 3, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. They will look at polysyllabic words and apply them in their phonics work. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4; we will incorporate this in our sentence work each day. In maths, we will be working on addition number sentences and their formation. In our afternoon sessions, we will be sharing our love of stories and reading. The children enjoy this so much. The children can bring their special books into school to share in the afternoon sessions; please ensure that they are named.

**Stay and Play Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

To celebrate the Royal Wedding on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, this session will have a "street party" theme. There will be a variety of activities for the children to share with families and we will host a special snack time. This will link with our People and Communities aspect of learning and British values; which is part of our whole school curriculum.

**Homework**

As we have been talking about eating healthy food to ensure our bodies and minds develop, we would now like to find out about any activities the children do outside of school. Some children swim, dance, play, football, golf or rugby. We would like to know what they do and why they enjoy it.

**Dates for your diary**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Royal Wedding Picnic Lunch

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Stay and Play 5

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Half term - return to school Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Inset Day - School Closed**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Key Stage 1 and Early Years Sports Day at 1.30 pm.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Celebration Assembly 2.45 pm main hall.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - School Summer Fair 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Forest Schools (details to follow)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Stay and Play 6

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Finish for the Summer holidays

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs S Morton

Mrs Z Richardson