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**Week Ending: 11<sup>TH</sup> November 2022**



#### **A message from the Headteacher**

November is always a hard month as the dark mornings and evenings are here. Your children are coping well and good routines are important as they become tired and less active in the winter months. Thank you for continuing to support your children in this busy half-term.

#### **Parent/Teacher Appointments**

We are pleased that so many of you have been in to see your children's work. If you have not managed to see the teacher this week, please contact the office to make an appointment. Your children are proud of their work and want to show it off!

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Attendance is still a concern across the school this term and it is so important that we work together to improve this. We have hit a worrying low and everyday counts. Please encourage your child into school and to be on time – learning starts at 8.35am.

#### **Reminder from the Office**

#### **Please open links on e-mails as they contain letters and forms that we need for permissions**

All communication is electronic via e-mail, text message and class dojo. If you are struggling to get the information you need, please call into the office for a paper copy.

#### **Safety Reminders**

As the dark nights are here, please can you remind your children to play safely if they are outside. I have had reports of children running across main roads that are busy and dangerous.

Please also be vigilant at the bottom of the drive before and after school as cars are coming and going.

#### **School Uniform**

We still have plenty of stock of grey items and some badged uniform in our 'pre-loved' section. Please pop in and take a look if you are struggling. They are £1 an item and the donations are used to support discounted uniform. We also have pre-loved shoes that might help save a few £s at this expensive time of year.



#### **Homework**

We try to set homework that is easy for children to self-manage and learn. Each class is different in its expectations and homework is age-appropriate. We encourage the use of Maths Whizz in Key Stage One and Two and children can work on this independently and with understanding as it is pitched to their ability. They are aiming to earn jewels for progress and recap.

#### **Support with Reading**

Regular reading is absolutely essential for children to develop their fluency and understanding. We would continue to urge you to listen to your children read and discuss their reading books with them. Just 10 minutes a day can make a significant difference to your child's progress. Reading is the key to every subject and every area of learning.



### School Terms and Holiday Dates 2022 -2023

As always, please avoid booking holidays in term-time. They can only be authorised if they are 'exceptional' circumstances. I have limited capacity to authorise holidays. Our registers are externally checked and there are strict guidelines in place.

**Term Ends:** Friday 16 December

#### Spring Term 2023

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 4 January

**Half Term:** Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 28 February

**Term Ends:** Friday 31 March

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

#### Summer Term 2023

**Term Starts:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 1 May

**Half Term:** Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 6th June

**Term Ends:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July



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