

# Early Years Newsletter

January 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our new term in Early Years. We hope you had a good rest and were able to enjoy special times together. We had a fantastic end to our last term with an incredible Nativity performance and would like to continue this enthusiasm for learning. We will be continuing with our focus on reading, writing and maths through play. The children will begin sharing a reading book in school with an adult - more details will follow.

This term's topic is 'Once Upon A Time' - more details can be found on our Curriculum Overview letter. If you would like to know ways that you can help your child at home please talk to your child's key worker. We will be planning School Visits for the Spring term. We are hoping to visit the Library in Bicester and 'Fairy Tale Farm'. We will, of course, provide you with more details of these visits including dates, travel arrangements and requests for parent helpers when bookings have been confirmed.

Towards the end of term we had several items of clothing go missing, and we also found several items that were un-named. We would like to remind parents that all clothes and shoes must be labelled clearly (please check that pen has not faded). PE bags should be left on your child's peg and inside shoes should be left in the box under their peg. We will continue to have a PE session on a Friday morning - please ensure that your child's kit contains a pair of black shorts and a blue school PE t-shirt (available from the office).

As it is now winter children need to change out of their outdoor shoes before they come into the classroom. We also ask that the children have wellies, a warm coat and hat / scarf / gloves in school as they are able to access the outside area in all weathers. As with all belongings please ensure that they are clearly marked with their name - do check regularly that labels can easily be read.

We would like to remind parents to please take sound books / reading records & books / homework files out of book bags and put into the blue trays on the appropriate days. We do not have the opportunity to sort through book bags during the day as we are spending time with the children. Please check the board in the morning for reminders. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is due in the following Monday. Reading books are changed on a Thursday, if your child is ready for a new book please speak to your child's key worker and we will change the book that day.

Each morning we sit in small groups to enjoy a drink of milk and a fruit snack. The snack is provided free of charge to all children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. Please register with 'cool milk' at the office to receive milk if you have not already done so. This is free of charge up to the age of five, after that time a charge is made - please speak to a member of staff if your child has now turned five.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school's policy regarding returning to school after a sickness bug. Your child must be symptom free for **48 hours** before they return to school. We have a child in school with low immunity who cannot fight infection so it is vital that we adhere to these guidelines.

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Early Years Class Assembly (9am in the Hall)

The Early Years Team