

# Year R Newsletter



**Reception team:** Mr Luck, Mrs Perfect,  
Miss Smith, Miss Hayter

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your children had an enjoyable Christmas break. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the many wonderful gifts, cards and messages you gave to us for Christmas, they were very much appreciated.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## **Our Day:**

8:50- Beginning of school  
10:30-10.45 – Playtime  
11.45 -1:00pm – Lunchtime  
3:10pm- End of school

## **End of day change:**

As of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January we will bring your child to the infant playground at 3.10pm. Please stand near the double gate that we take the children through in the morning and we will hand your child over to you once you have acknowledged us. This now means that there will not be a need for you to wait under our canopy.

## **Home Learning:**

Please encourage your child to continue to read their personalised reading texts at home and encourage them to identify initial sounds and words in their books. We are in the process of allocating commercial reading texts when we feel it is appropriate, to ensure their reading skills and enjoyment of reading continues to flourish. Please point out any environmental print such as words, letters, numbers that you see around as this gives so much purpose to our learning.

## **Themes:**

We have started off our term by continuing celebrations linking it to the journey of the 3 Kings at Epiphany. We held a French Day where the children experienced a typical French school snack with baguette and chocolate with a hot chocolate drink. We learnt some French words and the popular French song 'Frere Jacques.

Our main theme for this term is 'People who help us'. This lends itself to building knowledge and understanding of the roles and responsibilities, similarities and differences of the people in our community. It will also encourage communication skills, such as active listening and questioning.

If you feel that you could share your job and what it entails with our children we would love to hear from you.

Next term we will be learning about journeys under the title 'Ready, Steady, Go!'

## **Equipment**

With the colder weather many of the children are coming to school with hats, scarves and gloves. As we will be using our outside area and other areas around the school in most weathers and sorting 'lost' clothing takes up a lot of precious learning time, please do ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name. Wellington boots can be left in school if you'd prefer your child to wear them as well as our puddle suits when they are playing in our mud kitchen.

## **PE Kit**

Please could you send your child in with a school PE kit, including plimsolls which is available for purchase at the school office. Please could these be in school by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Chinese New Year**

As part of exploring other cultures we will also be discovering how the Chinese New Year is celebrated and we will be parading around the village on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, leaving school at 9.15am. You are more than welcome to come and watch as we walk round the village with the rest of Key Stage 1.