

30 October 2023

Dear families,

Term 2 Information for Reception

Welcome back to school! We hope that you enjoyed the half term holiday. Please see below for important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- **Forest school:** We will continue to have forest school on a **Monday** morning. If your child does not already have named wet weather gear and wellies in school then please bring them in.
- **P.E:** Will continue to be on a **Tuesday**. Please send children to school dressed in their PE kit. As we might be going outside, please ensure that children are wearing appropriate footwear.
- **Reading:** We will change children's reading books **every week on a Friday**. Children should bring their reading book and reading record into school **every day**. Children will bring home a sheet of CVC words to practise blending and one 'sharing' book to share with the family. Children will not be expected to read the sharing book independently. The purpose is to expose children to a variety of stories, vocabulary, and knowledge. Please record any reading your child does at home in their reading record, as these will be checked by class teachers on a weekly basis. If you have any questions about reading with your child, please speak to a member of the team.

We will be having a catch-up reading session next term for any parents who missed it after the phonics lesson. If you would like to come, please let Mrs. Bartlett know. Date to be confirmed and it will be straight after school.

- **Fresh Air Friday:** We are excited to begin Fresh Air Friday Welly Walks every other Friday. This is where we will be donning our appropriate weather gear and exploring the local area. These are the dates this term for our walks:
 - Friday 3rd November – local area
 - Friday 17th November – Warmley Cenotaph
 - Friday 1st December – local area

If you can volunteer for any of these dates to support our classes, then please let us know via tapestry or on the door. Our ratio is 1 adult to every 4 children, so we need 6 volunteers each time for the walks to go ahead.

- **Bedtime Bear:** The bedtime bears had their first visits home at the end of last term. We are excited for the bears to continue visiting each child to share stories. Each week two children from each class will be chosen to take home the Bedtime Bear. The Bedtime Bear Bag will include Cuddly bear, hot chocolate sachets and stories to share as family at bedtime. This is to encourage a love of reading and sharing as a family. Over the next few terms every child will have an opportunity to have the Bedtime Bear stay for a sleepover at their house. When your child brings it home, please send it back to school on the following Monday.
- **Open Doors:** We will be welcoming you to come and look at your child's learning in the classroom with your child from 8.25 on Friday 10th November. There will be no phonics lesson this day.

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- **Uniform:** Please continue to ensure all uniform, packed lunches, drink bottles, etc. is labelled clearly with your child's name.
- **Pick up arrangements:** Please continue to inform us of any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements.

Learning to Learn at home:

- **Reading:** Children are expected to read and practise the CVC words at least 4 times per week – please record these in your child's reading log.

Important dates	
Monday 30 October	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 1 November	PJ and Story Wow Day – wear PJs
Friday 3 November	Fresh Air Friday Welly Walk – Local Area
Friday 10 November	Lower School Open Door
Tuesday 14 November	Nasal Flu Vaccine
Friday 17 November	Fresh Air Friday Welly Walk - Warmley Cenotaph
Friday 1 December	Fresh Air Friday Welly Walk – Local Area
TBC	Reception Christmas Concert
Friday 15 December	End of Term
Monday 1 January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 January	First Day for Term 3

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Reception team.

Thank you for your continued support.

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