



Upper Foundation Stage Newsletter

Autumn Term 2nd half 2016



Topic

This half term our topic in the Foundation Stage is 'Festivals & Celebrations' and 'Winter'. The children will be learning about different festivals and celebrations within the Winter Christian calendar and comparing them to other cultures exploring why and how we celebrate. We will also be looking at our local environment and how this changes in relation to the Winter season. Please continue to ensure that your child has a warm coat and wellingtons in school for our ongoing outdoor learning experiences as we will continue to explore and investigate outdoors throughout the term. Please place wellingtons in a clearly named bag and leave on your child's peg with their PE kits. Please, also ensure that all clothing is clearly named.

Well done!

All of the children are now coming into school independently and eager to learn. Please could we ask that children do not bring their own toys into school as they often go missing or get damaged. We do have plenty of toys in class and children can access them freely! We also have to be fair to all children.

Health and Safety

Please ensure that when coming into school each morning that children are not lifted over the fences to enter their class. Please wait at the green gate until a member of staff comes out to unlock it. If you are late and the gate is locked please bring your child to the main entrance.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultation meetings will take place the week commencing 14th November. This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into school. Please make your appointment using our online system. If you are unable to make an appointment please speak to Mrs. Dales to arrange an alternative.

Parent's Area

Please come into school and look at our parent's area. You can see notices, planning, photographs, borrow books, story sacks and access free resources to share at home. The door is open from 3:20 each afternoon. If you borrow the books or the story sacks please sign them out and then sign back in upon return. Also please only take the books from the baskets not from the book shelf as these are used by the children daily. Children will still be collected from the usual door.

'Share a Session' Open morning

We are planning an event for parents to come into school and share a session with the children on Tuesday 29th November. You will be invited into school for the morning to share activities and learning. Refreshments will also be served afterwards where you will have an opportunity to communicate with other parents. Mrs. Dales and Miss. Hennessey will also be available for informal discussions.

Off-site visits

In order to continue to offer a variety of experiences for the children's learning we have arranged a visit to the local cinema (Empire, Catterick Garrison) on Friday 11th November. We will be watching Ice Age 5. There will be no charge for the tickets. However, we would like to ask for a £2 contribution for the cost of the transport. We will also be arranging a visit to the local library this term and a visit to Richmond theatre to watch the pantomime, details to follow.

Important dates

- w/c 14th November – parent consultation meetings
- Tuesday 29th November – 'Share a session' Open Morning
- Date TBC – Library visit
- Tuesday 6th December – Pantomime visit
- Wednesday 14th December – EYFS Christmas party
- Friday 16th December – End of term
- Wednesday 4th January 2017 – Children return to school

Please see the whole school newsletter for any other key dates

