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# **Reception Class**

## Newsletter: 13th November 2023

We are so proud of how well the children have settled back in after their half term break. They have been working so hard! Thank you for joining us for our 'Stay and Play' session last Monday. We hope you enjoyed hearing about what we are going to be learning this half term.

Our topic this half term is **CELEBRATIONS**. We will be learning about many different celebrations and understanding that everyone is different, with different beliefs, and everyone will celebrate special times in different ways. The children will have the opportunity to talk about their own families and the things they celebrate. We will be learning specifically about Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas as these celebrations take place this half term.

## Being on time

Remember that classroom doors open at 8:45 on a morning and we close for register at 8:55. Children who are late miss the learning that the rest of the day is built on and feel embarrassed when they enter and are looked at by everyone else.

#### Homework

Please continue to read at home every night. If you require any support with this, please speak to a member of the team and we will be happy to help you. Please remember that your child needs to bring their phonics reading book to school every day.

## PE & Forest School

PE will be on Tuesdays this term and we will be doing gymnastics, led by a coach. Can you ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE uniform on their PE day please, we do not get them changed at school. The standard school PE kit is available to see on our website.

Forest School continues on Fridays this term with Mrs. Walker. Please ensure children have a labelled pair of wellies which they can leave at school for the whole week (we spend lots of time outside so they will need these!). Children will need weather-appropriate clothes i.e. raincoat, warm coat, gloves, hat, scarf.

## Stay and Read Every Friday

We invite you to join us from 8:45-9:00 every Friday morning, to share a book with your child. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about how to support your child with their reading.

Thank you

**Reception Team** 



# **Diary Dates**

- Every Friday 8:45 Stay and Read in the classroom
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 4:30-6:00 Family Diwali Celebration in school
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need Day
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 10:30am EYFS Nativity performance to parents and carers
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Parents Evening
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Parents Evening
- Friday December 15th 1:30pm Trip to Lakeside Arts to watch 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'