**Year 1 Nightingale & Seacole Classes**

**Newsletter: 5th November 2018**

Welcome back after the half term. We hope you had a great rest with your children and we are looking forward to having them back for the new half term.

**Let’s Celebrate!**

This half term our topic is ‘Let’s Celebrate’. The children will have the chance to explore the various ways that people of different religions celebrate. If you are curious as to which religious we are exploring, please feel free to chat to one of the Year 1 team.

**Maths**

During this half term, the children will revisit place value, to ensure they strengthen their understanding of number. We will visit time and fractions for the first time and begin to build the children’s’ knowledge maths concepts so they are able to problem solve.

**English**

In English, we will explore stories that are linked to our ‘Let’s Celebrate’ topic. The children will get the chance to continue to apply their phonics within their writing and begin to write sentences using correct sentence structure. We will also be linking part of our topic within their written work.

**Reading**

To continue to support your child’s reading at home, please read with your child every day for five minutes. The children who are reading at home are making the most progress, so it is important to make the time to read with your child. The children will continue to receive word sheets to help them to apply the phonics that they have learnt in school. To help the children to feel more confident when they take the phonics screening test in the summer, we will continue to include some pseudo words on the word sheets. The children call these alien words and enjoy applying their phonics to read the made up words. If you have any questions about this, please talk to your class teacher.

**Physical Education**

This half term both year 1 classes will continue to have P.E.twice a week, on Mondays with Commando Joe and Tuesdays with the class teacher. Please ensure that the children have their P.E. kit in school on these days. Please practice undressing and dressing with your child at home as a lot of P.E time was wasted last term. **All items must clearly labelled so that we can make sure that items are not lost.**

**Reminders**

Please ensure that your child is coming to school in the correct uniform and this is also clearly named. This also includes P.E. Kit, hair accessories and the correct black school shoes.

We look forward to another fantastic first half term with your children!

Mr Gritt and Miss OD.



**Diary Dates: Autumn 2018**

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| **Date** | **Year Group** | **Time** | **Event** |
| Thursday 8th November | Year 6 | pm | WW1 Centenary Football Match Event |
| Friday 9th November | All | Day | WW1 Centenary Activities |
| Monday 12th November | All | Week | National Anti-bullying Week |
| Tuesday 13th November | R – Y5 | Morning | NHS Flu Vaccinations  *Nose Spray not injection* |
| Thursday 15th November | Year 2 | 9.00 – 10.00 am | Phonics for Parents workshop & watch |
| Friday 17th November | All | Day | Children in Need Charity Event |
| Tuesday 20th November | All | 2.00 – 3.30 pm | Parent and Family Support Event |
| Wednesday 21st November | All | 2.00 – 4.30 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 22nd November | All | 3.30 – 6.00 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Tuesday 4th December | Year 2 | AM | English Trip to Pantomime  at Nottingham Playhouse |
| Wednesday 5th December | Year 3 - 6 | 2.30 – 4.30 pm | Choir singing at Christmas Lights  Switch – on at Bridgeway Centre |
| Friday 7th December | R – Y6 | pm | Christingle Experience at  St George’s Church |
| Tuesday 11th December | Nursery & Reception | tbc | Christmas Show for families |
| Tuesday 18th December | Year 1 & 2 | tbc | Christmas Show for families |
| Wednesday 19th December | All | 3.15pm | School Closes for Christmas Holiday |