



Reception Class Newsletter- December 2015

### **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

Thank you for all your support over the past term and to the parents/ relatives who have visited to talk to the children about their professions. We enjoyed learning about Mehndi hand painting during our Diwali celebrations, found out about life as a vet and a postman and enjoyed making gingerbread with a professional caterer. We look forward to a visit from a dental technician and a nurse after Christmas.

All the staff would like to wish all our parents, carers and children a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **£1 weekly cooking donation**

We will be having a healthy breakfast, cooking Chinese stir fry and making a range of healthy snacks next half term if the funds allow!

We are planning to take the children to Lidl supermarket to develop awareness of our local area and the children will have the opportunity to purchase healthy snacks to enjoy at snack cafe!

### **Photographs of children's own Christmas Celebrations**

Please send in a photograph of your Family Christmas Celebrations. We will use these during our Newstime on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### **WOW**

'WOW Moments' have been a growing success this year and the children thoroughly enjoy sharing their achievements with the rest of the class. If you notice your child do anything linked to the curriculum overview attached, please let us know. We would like at least 2 WOW moments per child each half term please! Please help yourself to any extra 'WOW' sheets from the display table. Photographs can be emailed to:

[receptionclass@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:receptionclass@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk)

### **Reading**

If you have any photographs of you and your child sharing a book together please send them to school for our reading display.

Suggested reception texts to share with your child (maybe Santa could find a copy or two!) Farmer Duck, Goodnight Moon, Handa's Surprise, Mr Gumpy's Outing, Mrs Armitage on Wheels, On the Way Home, Owl Babies, Rosie's Walk, Shhh!, Six Dinner Sid, The Gruffalo and Whatever Next.

We will be reading all of these stories regularly over the coming months.

### **Football club**

The club commences on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and will run for 5 weeks (Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm) Confirmation letters and further details will be sent to pupils who indicated that they would like to attend football club. There are a few spaces left so please see Mrs Price if your child requires a place.

Cost of the club is £10 for 5 weeks.

### Lost Property

Please remember to put your child's name on **every** item of uniform (including pumps). If some of your child's uniform goes missing we have a much greater chance of returning to you if a name is clearly printed on it.

All children require trainers and a tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons. Children will not be able to take part in lessons without the correct kit.

### Water bottles

All children must bring a water bottle to school everyday please.

We will resume our Forest Friday activities during week 2. All children will require hats, scarves, gloves and wellies for this.

### Diary Dates

<b>Week 1</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Healthy Breakfast in school
<b>Week 2</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Nurse to carry out Height and Weight checks
<b>Week 3</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Small group visits to Lidl supermarket (details after Christmas)  Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	WRITING Stay and Play for parents, 9.00-10.00am
<b>Week 4</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Active Dudley Sessions for Parents, 1.20pm or Active Dudley Sessions for Parents, 9.05am or 10.40am
<b>Week 5</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	WOW Assembly, 2.40pm for parents of children who are being praised. (Personal invitations will be sent out.)
<b>Week 6</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> February Chinese New Year	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb  Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Taste cultural cooking parent workshop/ food sampling session with parents. This session has been planned at parents request. More details soon.  EYFS DISCO 3.15-4.15pm
<b>Half-Term</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016	