



### Do all celebrations have a cake?

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a restful and healthy half term break. We are excited about the following term and all it brings. Can you believe we are already planning our Christmas activities?

This term we are focusing on celebrations and answering a very important question – Do all celebrations need a cake? We will be learning about Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas. We will also be thinking about Anti-bullying week and Children In Need – it's a busy term!

As always, our door is always open if you have any worries or just want to ask us a question.

Mrs Boswell and Mrs Bell ☺

#### Phonics

We are continuing with our Phonics teaching – we are over half way through 'Set 1' now and the children are enjoying finding letters they have learnt wherever they go! We are also placing a lot of emphasis on reading and writing CVC words (Consonant-Vowel-Consonant) such as dog, pig, hat, tug etc. Homework is still being sent home daily, please return it to school as your child will receive house points for their efforts ☺

#### Diary Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need (Non uniform day)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Anti bullying week celebration

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Birthday celebration afternoon

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Birthday Party afternoon

#### Christmas Productions

We are currently exploring ways to perform our 'Bubble' Christmas productions for you! Your children will all be taking part in a lovely Christmassy play – watch this space for more details!

#### Routines

##### PE

Focused teaching of PE will be on a Thursday. Please make sure ALL PE kit is named and kept in school.

##### Read Write Inc Phonics

We have started teaching the sounds. Please check book bags daily for handwriting homework sheets and send them back to school for House Points!

Children will need their wellies and a suitable coat at school every day as we play on the field in all weathers.

Your child will need a named water bottle (not squash or juice) and suitable coat in school every day please.

Your child will bring home 3 reading books at a time. Reading books should be in school daily and will be changed once a week. We will change books that have been read at home so please make sure you record in the yellow reading record. Reading is a vital life skill and in Reception, phonics/reading is a focus area. Please hear your child read at home at least 3 times a week to support their learning at school.

Our Christian Value this term is "Caring". We will be listening to stories from the Bible where a caring nature is displayed, such as The Good Samaritan. In class we will be caring for each other and embracing differences.