



December 2009

Re: Christmas

Dear Parents / Carers,

This has been a really busy half term. Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading and numeracy in addition to all the preparations for the Christmas production.

I hope that you enjoy a fantastic Christmas break and an even better New Year!

Ahead of the new term, just a couple of notes:

Sky Class Worship: Sky will be holding the first worship back after the Christmas holidays. A possible theme may be New Year Resolutions and Hopes. Please do discuss this with your child.

PE: Please could you ensure that for PE and Games your child remembers to bring the appropriate clothing. We will be working both in and outdoors, from January, so they will need plimsolls or trainers for outdoor work in addition to a jumper. We will also be using a variety of apparatus. For this reason, please ensure that the girls have their hair tied back on a Monday and Thursday. I would hate for any accidents to happen as a result of trapped or tangled hair.

Homework: Just to let you know, I will not be setting 'official' homework over the Christmas holidays. However, it would hugely benefit your child if you could continue with reading and recording as and when possible. We have built up such a momentum with reading that it would be a huge pity if that progress were lost. As I mentioned at October half term, reading can be easily incorporated whilst you are on the move (and without the children feeling like they have to 'sit down and read'). Wider reading is greatly encouraged, so menus; timetables; instructions for new toys and games; comics and magazines can all count towards reading as you are exposing your child to 'real life' language and literature. In recognition of this effort, for children who maintain the reading log over the holidays with written evidence of the variety of reading undertaken, I will be offering stamps towards their next school certificate.

Please note that as from January, following parental request, I will be setting spellings on a Friday. The spellings homework will run to the following Friday, when your child will undertake their spelling quiz. The volume of spellings will remain the same, as will the expectation. This will enable your child to gain a little more time to complete the full homework.

Thank you very much for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Miss V. Cooper
Sky class teacher