

Foundation Newsletter

Spring term 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the next term of your child's learning journey.

Our Learning for the Spring term

This term we will be learning about 'Winter, Chinese New Year and Dinosaurs.'

What does my child need to bring to school?

- Now that the weather is frequently wet and cold, the children need to have a pair of **wellington boots to wear** to stop the mud getting into the class where the children have to sit.
- They need warm sensible clothing.
- **Water bottles**: - please bring your child in with a water bottle that is labelled with their name on it for them to use throughout the day.

Morning Routine

This term we aim to improve the children's independence. To do this we would like the children to come into the classroom on their own. Please continue to bring your child round to their classroom then say goodbye at the door. It is important for the children to learn to put their own coat and bag away.

Homework

In the Early Years we do not set weekly homework tasks, however it is crucial that you support your child in practicing the skills we are learning at school, by encouraging them to read, write and use maths regularly, remembering to make it as fun as possible!

You could use the interactive websites, such as:

Phonics Play (<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>)

Alphablocks (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>)

Topmarks Early Years (<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>)

Trips

- The children will be having the opportunity to visit Shotover Country Park to explore the signs of winter, looking at the plants and the animals that inhabit the area.
- We will be visiting the Natural History Museum to look at the Dinosaurs and the skeletons of many familiar animals.

Dates to be confirmed

Reading with the children

This term we are going to be introducing read with your child afternoon. We want to invite you to come into the classroom on the last Tuesday of every month at 2.30pm to sit and read with your child before going home. Please try and make it, the children enjoy showing off their classroom and their work.

DATES:

Tues 7th February 2017

Tues 28th February 2017

Tues 28th March 2017

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 31st January - Salesian Celebration Day, mass in Church @1.30pm
- Tuesday 7th February 2017 - Stay and Read @2.30pm
- Thursday 9th February 2017 - PSA School Disco
- Friday 10th February - school closes for half term (3pm)
- Wednesday 1st March 2017 - Ash Wednesday
- Thursday 2nd March 2017 - World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character!
- Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March 2017 - Parent's Evenings

Finally, thank you for all your support over the past term and we look forward to working with you and your children next term.

Mrs Rooney and Mrs Monika and the EYFS team.