

4 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have had a happy and restful Christmas and New Year. I would like to share some key information for the coming half term.

### **Themes for Spring term**

Throughout the Spring term, Year 1 learning will be based around the theme of 'Fire and Ice' and Year 2 learning will be based around the theme 'China'.

### **Diary dates – Spring 1**

06.01.22 – Flu vaccinations

07.02.22 – Parents evening

08.02.22 – Safer Internet Day

09.02.22 – Parents evening

w/c 14.02.22 – Half term week

### **PE days**

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform i.e. **black bottoms, green Wixams Tree t-shirt, red jumper, trainers/pumps**. Long hair must be tied back on PE days and earrings must be removed or covered with tape.

**Rowan:** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Birch:** Wednesday and Thursday

**Willow:** Wednesday and Friday

**Maple:** Monday and Wednesday

### **Naming of personal belongings**

Please ensure that all green and red jumpers, ties and coats are clearly labelled with first name + surname initial as a minimum. Please also ensure that water bottles and lunchboxes are named in a place which is clearly visible. Clear labelling makes it so much easier and quicker to return mislaid items to their owner.

### **School start times**

A polite reminder that Gate 4 opens at 08:30 and, whilst we appreciate there is a queue to come through the gate, children should be coming into their classroom as close to 08:30 as possible. Registers close at 08:40 and lessons begin. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late.

### **Cold weather**

As we enter another term faced with the challenges of Covid, ventilation remains one of the key measures to reduce the risk of transmission. Although the weather has been relatively mild so far, as the weather turns colder, windows and doors will still be open to provide ventilation. Please ensure that your child has a jumper with them every day and, if they feel the cold, consider a vest/base layer under their school uniform.

## **Homework**

Please continue to support your child with their learning at home by listening to them read regularly and supporting them to learn their spellings and complete other homework tasks. When listening to your child read, please also take time to discuss the story by asking questions such as:

- What has happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think the character is feeling?
- Did you enjoy the book? Why?
- Does it remind you of any other stories?

As the children progress to higher book levels, books become longer. I'd like to highlight that it is not necessary to read the entire book in one evening. Spending some quality time reading and discussing part of the book is more valuable than rushing through. Record the page number that you have got to in the reading diary and continue the next day.

## **Year 1 request for cereal boxes**

Year 1 will be collecting in any empty cereal boxes you may have at home from now until 14 January as part of the children's learning. Please give empty boxes to the class teacher. As we are a nut free school, please do not send in any boxes from cereals with nut ingredients.

Best wishes

Mrs Masterton (KS1 Lead)