

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school. We are now half way through the Reception year and we have lots of exciting activities planned for this half term. We are especially looking forward to our trip to Ash End Farm in the second week of this half term.

**'Springwatch' Topic.**

This term we are learning all about the changes in Season, Easter and Mothers Day.

We will continue to learn our phonic sounds everyday, please support your child by practising them at home. Please see overleaf for the curriculum.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Thursday 1st March— World Book Day, children to dress up as a book character.**

**Monday 5th March — Reception Trip to Ash End Farm.**

**Friday 16th March — Walsall Library Service in to share stories with Reception.**

**Thursday 22nd March - Reception Open Morning for parents to celebrate Easter with their children 8.40-9.30am.**

**Tuesday 27th March Parent Consultations—from 1.30pm** Please book an appointment to discuss your child and have an opportunity to look at their Learning Journey.

**Thursday 29th March — Easter Assembly 2pm — All welcome.**

**Reading Folders**

Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school everyday as we do not have set days on which we change the books. When the book has been shared please write a comment in the diary. This is monitored by the Literacy coordinator and letters will be sent out to parents who are not supporting their children reading.

**Homework**

The children got off to a fantastic start with their homework last half term and many of the children said they had enjoyed completing it. Homework will continue with the children bringing home one piece on a Friday to complete and return by the following Tuesday. Children will have Golden Time for returning each piece.

**Coats**

Although we hope the weather will start to get warmer children will continue to need a coat in school everyday as we do indoor and outdoor lessons everyday and have time outside in the morning and at lunchtime.

**Jewellery/PE**

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school. If they have their ears pierced they are only allowed to wear studs and these must be removed on PE days. Our PE day will continue to be Wednesdays.

**Attendance**

We believe that good attendance at school should start in the Early Years Classes so to encourage this we will be celebrating weekly 100% attendance every Friday. Children who have attended all week will receive a certificate. For children with 100% attendance at the end of term there will be a prize. At the end of term for those children who have achieved 95% attendance from January to March (Easter) they will be awarded £10.00 from the virtual bank to spend on uniform.

I am always available at the end of the day should you wish to speak to me. I look forward to continuing to work with yourselves and the children to get the best possible outcomes for them this year.

Yours sincerely

Miss Birch

Reception Teacher/Early Years Leader