

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school and to what will be a very busy term in Reception with lots of exciting learning taking place. Here are some reminders for you.

**'Traditional Tales' topic.**

This term we will share two traditional stories The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs. We will celebrate Chinese New Year, and finally in the last week of term we will be learning all about where we live and different types of houses. Please see overleaf for the curriculum.

**Reading Folders**

Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school everyday. When the book has been shared please write a comment in the diary. New diaries will be issued this week and these have reading targets in for you to work on with your child. Books will be changed every week in school.

**Coats**

Please remember to send your child with a coat everyday as we do indoor and outdoor lessons each day and have morning and lunchtime play.

**Jewellery**

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.

**PE**

Our PE day this term is Wednesday. Please return P.E. kits in a small named bag. Children need to have their ear-rings removed before they come to school.

**Water Bottles:**

Please send your child to school with a water bottle each day so they can drink throughout the day. Water helps the children concentrate and keeps us healthy. **Please do not put water bottles in Reading Folders** if they leak our reading books get ruined.

**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.

**Chinese New Year**

Children will be celebrating Chinese New Year week commencing 4th February 2019. This year it is the year of the pig. We will be looking at traditions and how they compare to other festivals. I would like to invite you into the classroom to enjoy some activities with your child on **Thursday 7th February 8.40-9.30am.**

I am always available at the end of the day should you wish to speak to me. I look forward to this being a busy and productive term with your child's learning and development moving forwards.

Yours sincerely

Miss Birch  
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