

11/10/21

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well, healthy and safe.

As we approach half term I am writing to you today to update you on events that will be happening over the next eight weeks.

### **Humanities home learning projects.**

These will be launched at half term and come home every school holiday. There will be a creative project for families to work together based on your child's current history/geography topic. It is an optional project and if completed, should be sent in on the first day back after half term. There will be a competition and a winner in each class. More information on this will follow from Mrs Garland our history lead.

### **Handwriting and Presentation**

I've noticed that across the school handwriting and presentation is untidy which is a shame as your children are working very hard. To tackle this, we will have a whole school focus next half term on handwriting and presentation. Every morning when they arrive at 8:30am they will practice handwriting in class. Every evening, they will bring home a handwriting book and you must sit with them to complete a double page. This, together with high expectations in the classroom from teachers will improve the presentation of board children's work.

### **Readers, Spellings and Timetables**

Reading, spellings and times tables must continue daily. It is so important you do this every evening with your child. Some children are still not completing their reading records. Please hear your child read every day and write in their reading record. If they are a confident reader, they should take books out of the library. This could be their current foundation subjects and read aloud to you. Spellings should be practiced daily and times tables chanted every night. If you are unsure what times table your child is learning please speak to your class teacher. You will see results for the spellings and times tables test at parent conference day.

### **After School Club / Breakfast Club**

As you are aware we are having difficulty staffing breakfast and after-school club on site. Consequently, we have been working with outside agencies to bring in a private after-school club and breakfast club. This is proving very difficult as the calibre has been weak and we do not want to introduce a poor standard operation for our children. Please be aware when we find an outside agency the likelihood is there will be a change in pricing

which we will have no control over. I wanted to give you advance warning about this and we will write to you with more information as soon as we can. We are trying our best, so please be patient.

### **Parent Conference Day**

As you know parent conference day is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. A letter will be coming out this week for you to reserve times for that day. On that day you will meet the class teacher, look at your child's work and be updated on their most recent test results in reading writing and maths see their spelling test results and their times table results. We will also be exploring your child's attendance at that time.

### **Photography**

We are having professional photographers in on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. The first date is for photographs to update the website, the second date is individual pupil photos which take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. Please make sure your children come in full uniform looking smart on those dates.

### **Parent Forum**

The next parent forum will be on **Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of November**. It will be take place at 09:00am at Gwenneth Rickus and 2:30pm at Hawkshead Road. At that meeting you will meet the senior leadership team.

### **Christmas Performances**

Parents/carers are warmly invited to our Christmas performances. Please see below dates.

#### Hawkshead Road:

- Y1,2,3 - 9.30am (approx. 30/40mins) Wednesday 8th December
- Y4,5,6 and Choir - 2.15pm (approx. 45mins) Thursday 9th December
- Early Years: Tuesday 14th December, 9.30am

#### Gwenneth Rickus:

- Y1 - 2.30pm (approx. 15mins) Wednesday 8th December
- Y2&3 and Choir - 9.30am (approx. 25/30mins) Friday 10th December
- Y4,5,6 and Choir - 2.15pm (approx. 35/45mins) Friday 10th December
- Early Years: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am

**Miss Rachel Mollett**

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