



Reception/Year 1 Newsletter Spring 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. Thank you for the Christmas cards, gifts and kind words we received at the end of term. We hope you had a well-earned break and enjoyed the festive period. The children had a wonderful Autumn term and all seem excited to arrive back to school this week!

The children embraced our 'What's The Toy Story?' topic and we enjoyed finding out about each other's favourite toys and toys from the past. The grand finale was our Nativity performance 'Prickly Hay!' We are so proud of the children and hope you enjoyed seeing them perform.

OUR QUESTION THIS TERM:

'Can you be the greatest inventor?' Following the children's interests we will be looking at the inventions around sweets and chocolate. In maths we will continue to consolidate our counting, calculation and problem solving skills. Daily Math Basic Skills and Phonics sessions will continue to be split across the classes into separate groups to enable us to deliver teaching that matches the children's abilities and their current level of understanding. We will be learning about the history of chocolate and how it has developed over time. We also have a very exciting chocolate experience planned; please keep your eyes out for a letter coming soon!

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT:

Parents, carers and families are by far the most important influence in a child's life and your support plays a vital role in their learning, so thank you again for your continued support with reading, homework projects, attending mass and ensuring your child is equipped for WOW days, non-uniform etc.

Please continue to use the WOW house shaped slips (Reception) or your child's reading diaries to comment on progress made at home. These contribute greatly to our assessment and knowledge of your children.

Please record your child's home reading in the diaries as books will not be changed unless specified as finished.

Additionally your child has been provided with a junior librarian code where they scan a school library book (supported by an adult) to bring home for you to share with your child. These books are electronically stored on our system and we ask that this is returned to enable children to borrow more books from school. If books are not returned or are lost/damaged, families are billed and the cost of the book will have to be recuperated.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Please could all named uniform be returned ASAP and PE lessons will resume on Wednesday afternoon.
- Labelled water bottles for the classroom with WATER only please
- If your child is now 5, milk is now payable for the term: please see office for details.
- Please refer to diaries and the class pages on the school website for your child's current targets/outcomes/events/activities
- Homework will be in the reading diary as normal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Please refer to whole school newsletter and your child's diary for full list of dates.

Monday 8 th January	School reopens
Thursday 11 th January	Mass 1.45pm
Wednesday 17 th January	Open Door 9.00-10.00 am
Monday 12 th /Tuesday 13 th February	KS1 Maths drop ins 8.50am - 9.30am
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2pm
Friday 16 th February	Miss Radford/ Mrs Oldershaw and Mrs Chibbaro's Good Work Liturgy
Friday 16 th February	Finish for half term

Thank you again for your continued support and we know that the children will continue working hard and make progress. Please remember we are always available if you have a query or concern, please contact the school office or speak to us briefly at 8.40 or at the end of the school day.

Kind regards

EYFS/Year 1 team