

Year 1 and Year 2 Advent 2 Newsletter

We hope you had a restful break and are raring to go! Thank you for attending parent's evening, we love getting the chance to sing the children's praises and they have certainly made an excellent start to the new academic year.



- **Judaism Week**

We are starting Advent 2 by learning all about Judaism and specifically the celebration of Shabbat. Ask your child about the Jewish faith and what they have learnt this week



- **Remembrance Day**

We will be marking Remembrance Day by having a pause day on 12th November where we will be working off timetable and learning about why we mark this date.

Why do people celebrate?



This half term, Year 1/2 and Year 2 will be focussing on a history topic all about celebrations. We have started the half term looking at Shabbat, then Remembrance Day and we will then continue by thinking about why we celebrate Bonfire night, birthdays and Christmas. The children will have the chance to explore historical facts and sources and use their PLTs to achieve their objectives.

- Uniform

As the weather is getting cooler now can we ask that children come to school with a coat every day. If they bring hats, gloves and a scarf to school please can you ensure that they are named.

- PE

Our P.E will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon. We always endeavour to get outside for PE, weather permitting so please ensure your child has a warm change of clothes for PE in the colder months.

- Reading Diaries

Please try to read with your child as often as possible each week. There is strong research that shows just 15 minutes each day will support children's progress in writing and other areas of the curriculum as well as increasing their self-esteem.

When moving through the book bands in Year 1 and 2, teachers consider many aspects of reading before a child can move to the next level; phonic awareness, word recognition, inference, opinions etc. If you would like any guidance about how best to support your child in their reading please see Miss Daykin or Mrs Ellis.

Homework for the half term, outcomes and spellings are attached in your diaries. Thank you so much for supporting the children in their homework and with learning their spellings, it really does add to their learning experience.

Finally, Advent 2 is a very busy term for school and home so please check dates on the website and ensure that you are receiving messages through Parent Hub.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Ellis, Miss Daykin, Mrs Sutton and Miss Shaw