

This half term.....

The children have settled into Reception really well and we are very proud of everyone!

Our topic this half term is **‘Why do squirrels hide their nuts?’** We will be looking at the seasonal changes from Autumn to Winter, woodland animals, habitats, hibernation and of course the Christmas Story.

Dates

- **Tuesday 12th November** - Flu immunisations
- **Friday 15th November**- Children in Need day
- **Saturday 30th November** - Christmas Market 10am - 1.00pm
- **Tuesday 10th December 2pm** – Reception PM Nativity
- **Wednesday 11th December 10am** - Reception AM Nativity
- **Friday 13th December** - Christmas dinner day
- **Friday 13th December** – Family Christmas Craft from 1.30pm Rec – Year 6
- **Wednesday 18th December** - Reception Christmas Party
- **Friday 20th December** - Polar Express afternoon
- **Thursday 19th December**- Church EYFS and KS1-1:30pm parents/carers welcome KS1/ EYFS children to wear Christmas jumper

Useful reminders

Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's record / planner each time your child reads at home. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones! Children are expected to reach 50 reads by Christmas.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up. **Please add names inside clothing, and shoes as they can go missing from time to time.**

Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear

Other information

- PE is on Thursday - for the first couple of weeks we expect most of this lesson will be spent getting undressed and changing. We will encourage the children to be independent with changing. Please avoid tights and shirts on this day. Thank you ☺
- We have a **collection tin** in each of the Reception cloakrooms for contributions towards baking ingredients, making playdough etc. A contribution of **£1 a half term** would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child take a sticker for their contribution.