

1st November 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable half term, welcome back! Our main topic for this half term will be Toys, we will also be learning about Autumn in English, maths and art.

This week

As we will be starting the Toys topic, can your child please bring in a favourite toy for **this Wednesday**. As with show and tell, these should be reasonably robust and please avoid bringing in anything that is very valuable.

Next week we will be looking at the toys our parents/grandparents played with. We would love to have any toys played with by a parent, grandparent, aunty or uncle for our display. If you are able to come in and talk to a group of children about your toy that would be marvellous, it could take the form of questions and answers if that would be easier. Please talk to your class teacher if you are able to help in any way - the children are fascinated to see and hear other adults in the classroom.

In science, we are looking at pushes and pulls, including a walk to the playground on Tuesday morning. If you are able to accompany your class, please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.

In maths, we will be looking at the seasons and the months of the year.

Harvest

Thank you to all who were able to attend, the children loved having so many parents there.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Thank you also to those of you who could attend the parent consultation meetings in the last week of term. If you were not able to make it, please see your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Year One Portrait Gallery Grand Opening

As part of our arts project, we will have the grand opening of the Year One Portrait Gallery on Wednesday 10th November from 2 - 3pm. Refreshments and Year One Objet d'art will be available. We kindly request the pleasure of your company.

Trip to Gunnersbury Museum

As part of our Toys topic both classes will be visiting the museum on Thursday 11th November. Please do let us know if you would be able to come along with us for the day. There are a limited number of places on the coach but if you are able to come by car we would be grateful.

Trip to the Library

This half term we will be visiting Castlenau library with a focus on our topic of 'Toys'.

Pine Class - Tuesday 9th November

Beech Class - Tuesday 16th November

Classes will leave at approximately 10:45 am and arrive back for lunch at 12noon. If you are able to come with us on the trip, please let us know. If your child has a library card, please hand it to us on the day as they will have an opportunity to choose some books to take out.

Clothes

There is a P.E. kit in Beech class without any labels. If you are missing kit, can you please check if it is yours.

Can we please ask once more that ALL items of clothing are clearly labelled with your children's name.

Colder weather

Now that we are coming into colder weather, please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a coat.

This week's homework:

English

- This week's words
- Reading - please read with your child as often as you can.
- High Frequency words - please practice these with your child as often as possible.
- Alphabet activity sheet.

Autumn

- Please use the attached sheet to encourage your child to look for signs of Autumn.
- Can you also please collect Autumn leaves, dried between newspaper, and bring them to school on Tuesday (Pine Class) or Wednesday (Beech Class) as part of the Autumn arts project.

Maths

- Can you please assist your child in completing the months of the year sheet.

Many thanks

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