



Term 2 Overview: Let's Celebrate!

Dear Parents/Carers

We had a wonderful start to the year and wish to continue this by introducing our new topic... '**Let's Celebrate!**'. We will be learning all about the different celebrations that take place during this time of year such as Diwali, Fireworks Night and Christmas. We will also be looking at how birthdays are celebrated, through talking about their own experiences. A topic web will be on the website shortly which outlines some of the things that they will be learning in the run up to Christmas. The children will also be very busy practising for their Christmas play, which we are all very excited about!

Please see below for some of the key events within Early Years during Term 2:

- **Come and Join us session in your child's class**
 - every Friday 8.35-9.15am
- **Individual Photos** - Thursday 2nd November
- **Parents Evening** - Tues 14th Nov and Wed 15th Nov 3:45- 6.30pm
- **Flu Vaccinations** - Tuesday 14th November
- **Teaching Training Day** - Monday 20th November
- **Height and weight checks** - Tuesday 21st Nov
- **Christmas Production** - Monday 4th Dec Dress Rehearsal, Tues 5th Dec & Wed 6th Dec am to parents
- **Christmas Dinner** - Wed 13th Dec
- **Parents curriculum Meeting** - TBC

We appreciate that this time of year can get very busy but any time that you can spend reading at home, practising their sounds and keywords with your child will be very beneficial. Even just a few minutes a day will have a real impact. Also, the homework packs sent home before half term will also re-inforce what your child is doing in school such as letter and number formation. Play based learning activities are just as important at this age, here are some ideas:

- Role play celebrations such as birthday parties, wedding or religious festivals
- Explore non-fiction books - celebrations around the world
- Talk about celebrations special to your family and maybe even encourage your child to share with the children at school
- Share write lists, cards and letters (Christmas cards, presents, letter to Santa)

Many thanks to those of you who have given in some 'wow!' observations as they are crucial to creating a full picture of your child's learning and achievements. If you would like some more then please just ask!

Welly Walks

We are very eager to take the children on 'Welly Walks' this term, as much as possible. In order to do this we will need your support. If you are able to help on 'Welly Walks' please sign your name up on the 'Welly Walk' sheet, when it is put up on your child's classroom door.

Water bottles

Please can we have a clearly named water bottle in school for your child. This means that they can have access to a drink of water at all times.

PE KIT

Please can you ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. This needs to include a tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor PE in the winter. Any colour tracksuit will be fine, as long as they can put it on themselves and it is warm!

We hope that you find this information useful and please remember that we are always available if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team

