

# St George Class Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term holiday. The following is a rough guide as to what we will be looking at and what is happening this half term during the run up to Christmas. If you have any questions please ask and we will try our best to help.

## Mornings

The children have settled into the routines and are keen to find an activity on one of the tables which are usually based around developing their fine motor skills. It is really important that the children are on time at 9.00am and put their things away quickly.

If children bring in a snack, could you please remind them before they come into school to put it in their drawer so they can get to it easily during the day rather than leaving it in their book bags. Fresh fruit is always available for snack time. The children have really enjoyed 'paying' for their snack (pretend money from school) and this term's focus will be on recognising 2p coins.

The children are becoming really independent so it would also help if they are encouraged to put hats, gloves and scarves in their drawers to get to easily at playtimes and **please make sure they are named**.

We have a blue book in the classroom in the register and letter tray. If there are changes in arrangements for home time please let us know when you drop your child off and we will write it in the book or please telephone the office. Please remember we must have your permission to release your child into the care of someone other than yourselves (even other family members). If you have forgotten to pass on a message in the morning and haven't remembered to phone school, then we will need to ring to confirm arrangements with you before we let the children go. If it is going to be a regular arrangement where someone else will be picking up it would be a good idea to email the office or speak to Mrs Creasey so we have a record of it which will save you from ringing up every time.

## PE

Our PE will usually be on a Monday morning with NUFC and Thursday so on these days children need to come to school wearing their PE kit. I do like to take the children outside for PE when the weather permits so please send a spare pair of shoes in a bag on PE days in case they need to be changed.

We try and go down and work in the sensory garden on a Tuesday so please make sure children come to school wearing warm clothes.



## Wellies

Thank you for sending in a named pair of wellies. We have put them to good use last half term and we will continue to use them when we go out for our outdoor learning sessions. If you think that your child may have grown out of the ones in school please ask us and we can send them home to check and you can replace them if needs be.

## Home Learning

Each week a small summary of the children's learning is posted onto Tapestry along with some photos of the activities we have been doing. Please log in and check to see what we have been doing as we will post some helpful tips which you could try to support your child in their learning at home.

## Topics

Over this half term we will be covering the following themes, Bonfire Night, Guy Fawkes and Remembrance Day before moving onto reading different favourite stories as part of our literacy focus. We will also be looking at seasonal changes and Christmas when the time comes and writing letters to Santa and visiting the village post box to send to Reindeerland. If the children's interests change, we may make slight changes along the way.

We have had a great first half term and really looking forward to what Autumn 2 has in store for us. Photos are posted on Tapestry regularly so please make sure you log in frequently to see what we have been getting up to.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to let me know and we can arrange to have a chat.

Mrs Whaley and Miss Smurthwaite