

St George Class Newsletter



Dear Parents

I hope you all had a fantastic half term. It has been lovely to see all your pictures and updates on Tapestry. The following is a rough guide of what is happening this half term. 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 practicing moves from the 'Squiggle Wiggle' program. They are also able to access the continuous provision to complete their weekly rainbow challenges and explore the independent learning opportunities.

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 10p coins but these will be in the pot with the other coins they have learnt to recognise so they are challenged to select the right coin from 1p, 2p and 5p's.

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**. As the weather hopefully will continue to improve please could you also send in a sun hat to stay in their drawers along with sun cream so the children have them ready for the warmer days ahead.

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 continue to be on a Monday morning with NUFC and on a Thursday morning so 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.

The Reception children have an extra PE slot on a Friday afternoon this half term so will be coming into school wearing their PE kit. As this does not affect Nursery, please still send Nursery children in wearing their school uniform.



Wellies

Thank you for sending in a named pair of wellies. We have put them to good use last term and we will continue to use them when we go out for our outdoor learning sessions.

Outdoor Learning

We will be continuing to access the sensory garden and aim to still venture outside in all weathers. We have enough red waterproof suits for everyone so we will be using these as much as possible when taking our learning outside. We have planned that a Tuesday morning will be our specific slot in the week so please make sure your child comes to school wrapped up warm and that girls wear trousers or leggings if possible on that day.

Topics

Over this half term we will be covering the following themes; Animals and The Farm with an ongoing focus of Spring as the seasons continue to change. We will also be talking about Easter and early on in the term Shrove Tuesday and World Book Day. However if the children's interests change, we may make slight changes along the way.

Our role play has been set up as a Farm and this will change later in the term to a farm shop. If you have anything you think we could use in these different areas please send them in. The children really enjoy having 'real' things to enhance their play.

We have had a great first half of the school year and are really looking forward to what Spring 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 Mrs Parker x