

Year Two Newsletter Mrs. Adams Autumn Term Two: 2023-2024



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the new term. I hope everyone has had a lovely week off. This half term is a very busy (and fun) one! We will be carrying on with our 'Movers and shakers' topic. In history we will be looking at famous explorers and activists. In science we will be looking at animal habitats and in Geography we will be learning about the U.K and human and physical features in our environment. We will also be comparing our country to a country in Africa. We will also be starting preparations for the Christmas Play. The run up to Christmas is always very exciting and there will be lots of fun things happening in school.

Christmas Play

This year our play is called 'A miracle in town!' As we are now Y2, we will have the main speaking roles in the play. The children have already auditioned for parts and been given their scripts. Please make sure scripts are in book bags every day as we will be starting rehearsals next week.

Diary dates.

Tuesday 14th/ Wednesday 15th November- Parents evening Friday 17th November- Children in Need Friday 24th November- Non uniform (Chocolate donations) Friday 1st December- Non uniform (Bottle donations) Thursday 7th December- Christmas Fair 3.30pm Tuesday 12th December- KS1 Christmas play (2pm) Wednesday 13th December- KS1 Christmas play (3.45pm) Thursday 14th December- Christmas dinner day Wednesday 20th December- KS1 Christmas party Thursday 21st December- Santa Dash Friday 22nd December- Break up for Christmas (3.15pm)

Reading

Reading folders must be brought into school on Thursday so books can be changed. They will be sent back home on Friday.

Children will only be given new books when the old ones have been returned. Your child's phonics teacher has a record of books being issued and returned.

Reading Records

Please can you record each time you have heard your child read so we are able to monitor reading at home. (The date and a tick are all that's needed.) This half term we are really trying to improve the children's fluency so they are able to read at a faster pace. Please encourage this at home too. Reading continues to be a priority so please listen to your child read every night for 5 minutes.

Homework

Homework books should be returned on Friday for marking,

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has their own, named water bottle in school every day so they have access to a drink when they need one. Dishwasher proof water bottles can be purchased from the school office.

Parents evening

Y2's Parents evenings are on **Tuesday 14**th and **Wednesday 15**th **November**. I have tried my best to give everyone a time during their requested time slots. Appointment time slips went home before the holidays so please check book bags if you have not yet got yours. Appointment times are 10 minutes long and I do need to be quite strict with the timings. If there are things I still need to discuss with you regarding your child, and your time slot has run out, I will arrange a time at a later date to finish our conversation.

<u>P.E</u>

This term, PE sessions will be on Monday afternoon and Friday morning. (The Monday session will be with Mrs. Fisher and the Friday session will be with me.)

The children will participate in the 'Daily Mile' every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning (weather permitting) at 8.50am. Monday's daily mile session will now be a whole school session.

There is no forest school session for Y2 this half term.

Clothing

Please can you make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. (Also check and re-write over names if they have faded.) We have an ever-growing pile of jumpers and cardigans with no name on in KS1. It is very difficult to return missing jumpers to children when they have no name on.







Class Dojo

Just a little reminder that any absences/ information about appointments etc should go directly to the school office, not to me through Class Dojo. I only check class Dojo outside of teaching times so any urgent messages should always go through the school office as I may not see them until the end of the day. I will send out replies to any messages through class Dojo (outside of teaching times) between the hours of 8.00am and 5pm.

If you have any concerns or questions, you can email me at <u>cadams@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk</u> or send a message on class Dojo. You can also wait to see me after school once the children have been dismissed. Thank you.

