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Head Teacher: Mrs Nichola Stewart

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As our first half term ends, I know our children are looking forward to a well-deserved break. The children have settled well into their new classes and our new YR children are welcome additions to our school.

### **Staffing Changes**

Following half term Mrs Ward in Starfish Class will begin her maternity leave. We are delighted to have recruited an experienced and passionate teacher to replace her each Thursday and Friday. Mrs Wolfe will join the Starfish team and the children have already had an opportunity to meet her this week. Additionally, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Dibb and Mrs Gotts as teaching assistants to our Reception team.

### **Homework Expectations**

A huge thank you to those parents who have continued to support home reading. We expect all children to be supported with reading at home for short periods. This should be completed ideally daily but on at least three occasions each week. Please ensure this is noted in their red reading record book as this allows your child to move towards rewards on the class reading challenge board. Reading at home is the very best support you can give to your child. Establishing reading as part of your routine from their very first weeks in school is hugely important; find a time that suits you and your child away from distractions for the best results.

### **Reading Cafes**

We are pleased to be able to re-instate our reading cafes in school. Over the coming term you will receive an invite to join your child as part of the café. This is an opportunity to see your child in school and to share in our passion for books. We hope to see you there.

### **Book Bags**

We are increasingly seeing lots of keyring additions to book bags. Unfortunately, these are hindering children's access to their trays and preventing them from being fully usable. We kindly ask that these are removed and remain at home.



### **Term Time Dates**

Term dates for this school year area attached. Please note the additional closure day of **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**.

### **Christmas Performances**

We are truly delighted to be able to offer Christmas performances this year. In line with our Covid guidance, audiences will be limited but parents will have the opportunity to see their child perform. We have really missed these special opportunities and know you will be keen to join us. Dates as follows:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm Rainbow Fish Class

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am Year One

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm Year Two

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9:15 am Reception

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm Year One

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am Reception

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am Year Two

More information will be sent out closer to the event.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st November.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Nichola Stewart  
Head Teacher