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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to Reception. This is a very busy term with lots of learning and adventures so please read the dates and information carefully. We are looking forward to starting our Christmas nativity play too - so listen out for lots of singing!

Topic: Our topic this term is 'Fantastic Festivals!' Please see an attached overview of the planned activities, although this will continue to evolve alongside the children's learning and interests. Please also take into account that we are still working on a smooth transition into school so please encourage children to walk into the classroom and put their belongings away independently. There is always a member of staff in the classroom and the children know their morning routines now.

Daily routine: Please note that in Reception the timetable often changes during the week to evolve around the children and also school events. With the Christmas nativity play looming, practise will begin as soon as the children are ready, which may mean that some sessions are shortened or adapted so we can fit the practise in.

Toast: We will only accept 5ps, 10ps, 20ps or 50ps for toast in the mornings. So please only bring change. Children pay daily from **Monday to Thursdays** only. Your child is responsible for paying for their toast daily, as reminded during registration, but please let them know if they have money in their book bags.

Staying active: This term P.E. will take place on a Tuesday morning (outside-weather dependent) and a Wednesday afternoon with Forever Sports leading the session based on multi-sports. We will also take part in daily mindfulness sessions such as class yoga and 'Fit for Five' after lunchtime which will consist of squiggle while you wiggle, dough disco and pencil workouts.



Please ensure full PE kits (including outdoor sports shoes e.g. trainers) are in school as soon as possible.

Nativity Play: This year the children will be performing their Nativity in St Peter's Church, Pilning. This will be on the Thursday 12th December 2019 at 4.30pm. A letter with costume suggestions and ticket information will be sent out shortly.

Outdoor Learning: We continue to encourage the children to explore the outdoor classroom and outdoor surroundings on a daily basis. We frequently plan outdoor learning experiences for the children to engage in with their year 6 buddies on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school in a warm coat and if you would like your child to have wellies/overalls send them in whenever possible.

In school reading: Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading diary into school every day. This is important to ensure that they have the resources with them for an adult to read with them within the school week. We will change books during the week whenever appropriate to your child's reading development.

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Proud clouds: Our proud cloud was full up at the end of term one because all of the wonderful things your children have done to make you proud. We will be sending home three more proud clouds for you to send in this term. The children have really valued sharing these each morning!

Home tasks: Please continue to read daily with your child and please record this in your child's white reading diary.

Parent involvement: We would very much welcome anybody that would like to help out in their child's class with reading. If you would like to help for a morning or afternoon then please speak to Miss Cox with a selection of days and times that you are free.

On the **13th December** you are invited into school for a Christmas Craft stay and play from 2.00-3.00pm. This will also be an opportunity to find out about the learning journey this term. Please inform a member of staff if you are unable to attend so we can ensure your child has a buddy to work with them!

General housekeeping: We are encouraging the children to be independent – try saying goodbye at the blue line rather than coming in to the classroom. Please ensure that you label your child's clothing - yes even P.E. socks and snack! Hair that is over collar length must be tied up at all times - it is useful to put some extra hairbands in their bag.



Any questions or queries please feel free to ask either Miss Cox or Miss Daly.

Many thanks,

Miss Cox (Class Teacher)

Miss Daly (Class Teaching Assistant)

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