



EY NEWSLETTER (2) AUTUMN TERM 2024

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready for the Christmas build up!

We are looking forward to a busy few weeks. We have already been learning about 'Minibeasts' and reading the story 'Aaaarrgghh Spider' as part of our CLPE sessions. We will move on to the changes we will experience in the current and coming season and then of course continuing to 'Christmas' as our final topic of the term.

Letterland

Thank you to those who attended our Letterland and Handwriting evening, we hope that it was beneficial for you. As you are aware, the children have begun their first adventures into Letterland and this term we will be consolidating their knowledge of Sammy Snake, Annie Apple, Talking Tess, Peter Puppy, Impy Ink and Naughty Nick. We will also be introducing them to Robber Red, Munching Mike, Dippy Duck and Hairy Hat Man.

Ten Town

Over the next few weeks the children are set to meet the next group of numbers in Ten Town, these are: Thelma Three (3), Freddie Four (4) and Fiona Five (5).

'Busy Boxes' and 'Self-Care Boxes'

This half term we will be introducing our 'Busy Boxes' and 'Self-Care Boxes'. The children will take these home on a

Wednesday and they should be returned the following Monday. A letter will be attached explaining how both work, however, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

The children have settled well in Early Years and are now becoming confident in separating from parents/carers. A whole-class area of focus this term is for the children to become independent with self-care. Guiding your child through daily tasks e.g. getting dressed, brushing teeth and putting on socks/shoes will enable your child to develop their self-esteem and confidence.

Snacks

A gentle reminder that all snacks brought in to school should be healthy and contain no nuts. In order to make it easier for children at snack time please ensure they have two separate pots for their snacks if they are staying all day.

Christmas Production

EY will be participating in our Junior production on **Thursday 5th December** and **Friday 6th December**. The children will also need a pair of black plimsolls. Most children have a pair in school which they can use, if not please send in a clearly named pair as soon as possible. We are looking forward to a very exciting production; further details to follow soon regarding tickets.

Uniform

As the weather turns colder, please would you ensure that your child has a pair of mittens or gloves at school along with one extra layer of clothing such as

an old fleece or jumper to go under their waterproofs for Forest School. We would also request that (if they don't already) they have a red school ski hat (clearly named) to remain at school in their drawer.

A gentle reminder that girl's long hair should be tied up using red hair bands and small bows only.

Please could children also bring in spare clothing daily in case of any accidents, these can be left in their school bags.

Look How I Have Grown

Many thanks for all of the stars that have been returned, it is lovely to see how independent and grown up the children are becoming. Please do ask any staff member for more and we can put them in your child's bag.

The Merton Bear Family

The Merton Bears have been enjoying some lovely visits home with the children and the children thoroughly enjoy sharing their adventures when they return to school. Thank you for returning the bears back to school on time!

Car park etiquette

Please drive slowly and carefully on school premises. In the afternoons, children may well have games or clubs on the school fields and we need to be mindful of their safety.

Our 'drop off lane' should be used to do just that; please do not block it by parking - however briefly. If your child is not old enough or able to exit the car by themselves, please drive into the carpark, find a space and then walk them to their appropriate gate.

Please remember to park considerately. The disabled parking bays should only be used by those with mobility issues or a blue badge.

Many thanks for your continued help with this.

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We look forward to sharing a busy and exciting term with you all.

Kind regards

Mrs Richardson, Miss Thatcher and the Early Years Team.

Diary of events:

Bonfire Night – Friday 8th November 6:00pm

Parents' Evening – Monday 11th November

Prospective Parents' Open Day – Wednesday 20th November 9.15am-2.00pm

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 29th November (Further details to follow)

Christmas Production – Thursday 5th December at 9am and Friday 6th December 9am and 2pm

EY and J1 Cinema trip – Tuesday 10th December

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 11th December – Christmas hats to be worn – No hat, No lunch! 😊

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December - Donation of £2 to our chosen charity.

Children's Christmas Party – Monday 16th December – Children may come dressed in their party clothes.

End of Term

Term ends at 12 noon for **all** children on Wednesday 18th December. Please note that EY children do not attend prizegiving.

