



KS1 School Newsletter Monday 2nd October 2017



Well done to Robbie, Isaac and Harriet for being awarded the behaviour certificates this week.

This week we will be:

- Identifying features of traditional tales and using these to plan and write our own one
- Reading and writing about The Twelve Dancing Princesses
- Looking at the changing seasons in science
- Counting backwards from 10 and 20, then comparing numbers in Year 1
- Using the whole-part model to make different numbers bonds in Year 2
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Designing and making our own Christmas cards in art

Communication

Keeping you informed about your child is key to enabling us to work as a partnership, to support the progress of your child. We try, where possible, to catch you after school to inform you of relevant information relating to your child and that particular day. We would therefore like to request that if you have any concerns regarding your child and their class, then please do let us know so we can investigate further.

Playground Behaviour

The children are settling into classroom routines well. We have been really proud of their progress so far. There have been some issues involving playground behaviour, where groups of children have been 'play fighting' or 'rough playing' with each other. We stress that this is not appropriate at school and it should not be happening. This involves running into each other, grabbing hold of clothes when they run past, pushing, shoving and jumping or sitting on top of each other, as part of a game. Due to the differences in size and maturity levels in children, this often escalates to aggressive or retaliatory behaviour, as children can't differentiate between 'play' or 'being hurt' in these situations currently. This leads to children becoming hurt and upset. We are taking active steps by having classroom and assemblies based around appropriate play; small group work and positive reinforcement when kindness and appropriate play is shown. However, if children are having to be reminded of the playground expectations, then they will have an indoor play instead, where their play can be monitored and supported socially in a structured environment by an adult. If it continues, then they will miss their break time. We take into consideration the age and maturity of every child.

If you have any concerns, please come and speak to your class teacher, where we can work together to support the social and emotional needs of your child. At every stage we will inform parents and ask that you can reinforce our playground expectations at home with your children.

Morning Activities

Children have a morning activity to do in the classroom before register. Please say goodbye to your child at the door, to help the transition for them into their new class. If you have any questions for the teacher, please leave a message at the door or with the office and we will get back to you. We understand some children are still working on their transition into the new academic year, but it is better for their emotional development to say their goodbyes at the door and for them to come into the classrooms independently.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th October- Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October- Reading Breakfast

Monday 30th October- Individual Photo's (full, winter uniform please)

Sunday 5th November- Bonfire Night

Tuesday 12th December- KS1 Christmas Play

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

The Key Stage 1 team