**Advent 2 2023 EYFS Class Newsletter**

**People Who Help Us**

Welcome back to Advent term 2 probably one of the busiest terms of the year. We are looking forward to our topic People Who Help Us. You will see from the class knowledge Organiser that we are exploring their roles and how we benefit from their help. We will also be touching on key experiences such as Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas.

**Labelling**

Please make sure everything your child brings to school is labelled and your child recognises the label.

**Phonics**

Continue to use <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> for more information about phonics.

**Reading at home**

I hope your child is enjoying reading their phonetically decodable book at home. Your child may also be on a wordless book as at present they are unable to blend the sounds to read the words. We continue to practice blending daily at school. You can support at home by roboting words and your child has to blend it orally to say the word. We continue to read in school three time a week and then show case their achievements at home to you. Once reading books come home, please make sure you read at home with your child daily and sign their reading records as we have a chart they can move up and receive a reward at the end of term. We have spent a substantial amount of money on new home reading books matching our books to our weekly phonic so please make sure these are returned every **Monday** once we start.

Reading for pleasure book will continue to be handed out on Monday and returned to school on Monday. We want to promote a love of reading and this book is a book for you to read to them.

**Tapestry**

Tapestry has been out of action but is now back up and running, more learning will be showcased soon. Please make sure you are logged on. Any problems please ask.

**RE**

We are continuing with our topic about Baptism, thank you all those who uploaded your child’s Baptism and baby photos to tapestry the children have really enjoyed looking at them. The last part of the term during our Celebrating topic we will be learning about Advent and the story of Christmas.

**PE**

Please send your child in their PE kit on a Tuesday. They need plain navy joggers or shorts, their PE t-shirt and school jumper. Please continue to practice getting dressed at home, this will support your child’s independence skills in school. If your child has pierced ears, **please remove their earrings,** and ensure that **long hair is tied** up at all times.

**Uniform**

Please refer to the school handbook.

**Water Bottles**

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day.

**Milk**

If your child is under 5 they are entitled to free milk and will have a milk carton at playtime each day. If your child has turned 5 and wishes to have milk, please contact the office for a form to order and pay.

**Snack**

you may send in a healthy snack for playtime.

**Universal Meals**

Please remember when ordering, to order on a Tuesday by 3pm for the following Monday.

**Diary Dates**

Please look on our school website for important dates on our calendar.

**Home Work**

On a Friday a home learning sheet will be sent home. You do not have to send learning back to school, we will notice the changes in class with what your child can now do as learning is always a consolidation of learning that has happened in school.

We ask you to support your child for 5 minutes daily with phonics, math’s.

We are sending home a phonics folder which has grapheme flash cards that you can show your child and they can say the phoneme. You can put 3 grapheme cards next to each other to make a word e.g. ‘cat’ and then ask your children or model how to say the sounds and blend to read the word. Remember the Little Wandle parent page has support videos!

**Article 12– You have the right to your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.**

**We are a rights respecting school.**