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Spring Newsletter – Foundation Stage

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 6th January – Back to school

Tuesday 4th February – Library trip

Friday 7th February – Wood 'n' Craft

Monday 10th February – Dinosaur exhibition

Tuesday 11th February – Face to face parents' meetings

Thursday 13th February – Teams parents meetings

Friday 14th February – Dress as an animal day and Break up for Half-term

General

We hope everyone has had a safe and happy Christmas and we are looking forward to a lovely New Year with the children. We would also like to welcome Mrs Leonetti to the team who is already doing a fab job with the Giraffes. Please continue to encourage your child to be independent when entering school and the classrooms as this massively helps with their confidence.

Phonics and Reading

As always, please continue to read as often as possible with your child. The children will continue to fly through their phonics sounds in school so the more practice the better! And thank you for working through the phonics books, we are really starting to see a difference in the ones who practice their sounds regularly. Please make sure they are in book bags so we can add the latest sounds.

Topic

This half-term we will be learning about dinosaurs following the interests of the children. Another mini topic will be Chinese New Year which will be the year of the Snake and this will involve a trip to the local library who will host a workshop with activities and the chance to learn about library cards and regularly choosing books with their gown ups. We will also have the opportunity to talk about road safety with the children.

Parent exhibition

To round the dinosaur topic off, we are planning to hold an exhibition for parents to come in before we break up, to look at the work the children have produced over the coming weeks. As an extra item the children can make their own dinosaur model at home to showcase if they wish, alongside work they

Wood 'n' Craft workshop

Following the success of the wood 'n' craft workshop last year we are having them back this year. All of the children took part last year and it was certainly one of their highlights. They get to use (in a controlled environment) real tools and techniques to produce their own wooden model. The permission slips have already been sent out and we need them back in school signed or the children won't be able to take part.

Snack

Snack money is now due for this half-term. Thank you for those who get this in early, have paid in bulk or to the end of the year. We kindly ask for £15 to be paid in cash to a member of the team. We would really appreciate it if this could be paid in a named envelope.

PE

Please make sure your child has a full (labelled) indoor and outdoor PE kit in school. The children are getting quicker at changing and we are encouraging their independence so please mirror this at home with their coats and zips too.

If you have any questions, as always please feel free to pop in and speak to a member of the Foundation Stage team.

Many thanks, Mr Jones, Mrs Leonetti, Mrs Watterson, Miss Kirk and Miss Turner.