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16th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for attending our Nativity performance of "Baarmy Bethlehem" I am sure you will agree that the children were a credit to you all and most importantly, they all had fun!

As we are now approaching the Spring term in school, we place importance on increasing the independence of the children. Whilst we appreciate that they are the youngest children in our school, we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Therefore, from January, we ask that children come into the cloakroom independently and manage their own organisation such as hanging their coat on their peg and putting their book bags in the trolleys. We ask for your support with this by preparing your child appropriately and encouraging them to be independent. It would be helpful on a Tuesday and Friday (book change days) if you could support them by handing them their reading record and reading book as they enter the cloakroom. We hope that this will also minimise the number of bodies in a small room which can become overwhelming for the children at times. Rest assured; we will be there to support the children with this as they arrive at school.

This term, the children have enjoyed taking part in active sessions playing games to develop their gross motor skills on a Wednesday morning. It will now be appropriate for the children to wear a PE kit to school on a Wednesday. From Wednesday 11th January, please send your child to school in a PE kit as detailed below. Some of this is available from Total Clothing – their website is:

www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/nenevalley/pe-uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and warm enough by providing a school jumper/hooded sweatshirt on PE days, as well as plain black jogging bottoms or leggings. As the weather improves and temperatures rise, shorts are appropriate. Trainers or plimsolls are considered appropriate footwear for PE so please send your child to school on a Wednesday wearing either of these.



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Please can I remind you of the importance of labelling every item of clothing that belongs to your child. This includes winter hats, gloves and scarves. It is not always possible to relocate these if they are not clearly named. On Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December we will be displaying all lost property on the large cable drum outside for you to collect.

The children are enjoying our Phonics lessons and are working hard to develop their reading skills. Please continue to read with your child as often as possible as this is key to develop their reading fluency. You can learn more about our Phonics and reading scheme here:

www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ The videos are useful and support you to ensure that you are pronouncing the phonemes correctly with your children. They also have a shop where you can purchase the flashcards if you wish -

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/search-results-page?q=little%20wandle%20flashcards%20for>

Look out for a parent workshop in the Spring term which will provide more information on the delivery of our Phonics and reading sessions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a fantastic Christmas break with your families and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 4th January.

Kind Regards,

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