

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we finish for the holiday, I wanted to wish you all a great half term break. The children have worked hard in their lessons and have made good progress. They are really ready for a rest next week!

As mentioned in an earlier letter, I am writing to give you detail about forthcoming plans for parents and carers to have greater involvement in the children's learning at home and in school:

Home art project

Starting after half term, each class will be given a special art pack which will include an art book and art resources. Each week the art pack will be sent home with a different child, who will be asked to get creative and experiment with the different resources at home and then return the pack to school. The aim is for the children to share their art skills with those at home and to encourage them to create independent work.

Christmas craft sessions

We will be holding Christmas craft sessions on the run-up to the festive season and would like to invite parents to attend. All sessions will take place in the children's classrooms during the school day as follows:

- All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 class sessions will take place on Friday 6th December from 9.00am – 10.00am
- All Key Stage 2 class sessions will take place on Wednesday 4th December from 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Due to limited space within each classroom, only **one adult per child** will be able to attend and we will not be able to accommodate pre-school children. This of course means that if you for example have a child in Wagtails and another in Goldfinches, one adult could go into Wagtails and another into Goldfinches. Alternatively, the same parent could go between the two classes. After half term we will send out a link for parents to sign up for the sessions.

Forest School and OPAL play

As you know Forest school has been a resounding success this half term, the children have had the most amazing time in our new outdoor provision. After half term, we will be setting up OPAL during playtimes, which aims to enrich the children's playtimes. We will be inviting parents to come and see the Forest School and OPAL set up in the near future, please look out for invitations.

As promised please see below for the classes who will be attending Forest School after half term:

Week commencing	Classes
4//11/24	Pipit, Kestrel, Harrier
11/11/24	Wagtail, Merlin, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk
18/11/24	Pipit, Kestrel, Harrier
25/11/24	Wagtail, Merlin, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk
2/12/24	Pipit, Kestrel, Harrier
9/12/24	Wagtail, Merlin, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk
16/12/24	Pipit, Kestrel, Harrier

Please remember that Forest school sessions will take place in all-weather so on the days that your child has Forest School sessions, they will need to bring warm and waterproof clothing, including wellies/other sturdy outdoor footwear, to change into. The children will change back into their school uniform afterwards.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes

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Headteacher