



Year R Autumn 1 Newsletter

Year R have had a wonderful first week at school and we are all delighted with how well the children have settled into Barley and Chickpea classes. Please look at the school blog this weekend to see photos of Year Rs first week in school. <http://www.wellsteadblog.co.uk/>. In this newsletter, we have included important dates that you may need and a summary of some of the things that we will be covering in class from now up until the end of half term.

Important Dates

Time to get your diaries out; these are some important dates for the coming half term:

Tuesday 4 th October	Children start to order hot school dinners
Thursday 6 th October	Phonics Information Evening for all Year R parents - 6pm
Tuesday 11 th October	Parents Evening (information to follow)
Wednesday 12 th October	Parents Evening (information to follow)
Thursday 14 th October	Barley Phonics - Stay and Play (information to follow)
Friday 14 th October	Chickpea Phonics - Stay and Play (information to follow)
Friday 21 st October	Bedtime Day (Year R come to school in their pyjamas for Bedtime Day.)
Friday 21 st October	Last day of half term
Monday 31 st October	Back to school

Helping your child at home

Last week, your child brought home their first reading book. For the first few weeks, they will bring home a book with no words. This provides your child with the opportunity to become familiar with the Oxford Reading Tree character's names. When reading a picture book, you can practise discussing the title, author and the front cover with your child and predicting what will happen in the book. It also enables your child to enhance their storytelling skills by providing them with the opportunity to use the pictures to create their own story.

In the reading pack your child brought home, there are games to enable your child to become more familiar with the Oxford Reading Tree characters. The words that we send home on your child's keyring are words that cannot be sounded out



phonetically so the children need to learn to read these words by sight. We will provide you with more information about this during the Phonics Information Evening on Thursday 6th October.

Trying different foods

On different occasions throughout the year, your child will have the opportunity to try different foods within class. For example, this half term during our work on birthdays, the children will be able to make and then eat a cupcake and during our work on senses they will taste different foods. If your child has any allergies or you have any concerns or queries about your child eating food other than their school lunch please speak to your child's teacher.

The following page details some of the activities that we will be undertaking this half term. Our topic is 'This is Me' and Week 7 is the children's chosen topic (the children decide what they would like to learn about).

Reminder

Please don't forget to bring wellies to school for your children, especially as the weather is getting wetter now.

If you do have any questions about this information please do not hesitate to pop in and see us.

Thank you!

Mrs Patrick and Miss Norgate