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Dear Parents/Carers,

Weekly Newsletter Week 3

PE

A few parents have asked us about PE kits. At the moment, we are covering our PE sessions through movement and interaction sessions during the day and so children are not needing to get changed for this; we appreciate that for a number of children this would also be difficult. We will be moving to more specific PE sessions later in the year and on these days children will be asked to come to school wearing PE kit, this will be Navy jogging bottoms (or shorts, weather dependent), a white t-shirt and a navy, hooded jacket or navy hoody with trainers or pumps. Will wee let you know in advance as to when this will be needed.

School Holidays and Inset Days

For those of you who have activated Tapestry, hopefully you will have been able to see our chool holiday dates have been added. The holiday dates and inset days are listed below:

October half term – Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023

Christmas Holidays – Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

INSET Day – Monday 8th January 2024

February Half Term – Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holidays – Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024

INSET Day – Monday 8th April 2024

Early May bank holiday - Monday 6th May 2024

May Spring Bank Half Term – Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Finish for the Summer holidays – Friday 19th July 2024

INSET day - Monday 22nd July

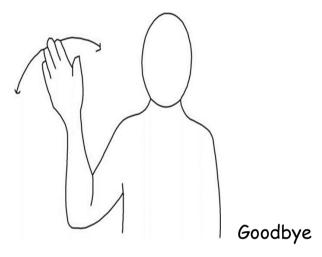
Healthy Lunches

We know and appreciate that for some of our children, lunches and what the children will eat can be difficult, however we would like to try and promote healthy eating and a healthy and balanced diet as much as possible. We are finding that a number of children are bringing sweets and chocolate in their lunchboxes and then they are choosing to eat these first and at times then not eating anything else from their lunchboxes.

We have snack time twice a day where we offer the children the choice of a breadstick, cracker or digestive biscuit, we are also going to have 'Fruity Friday' where children will be able to select from a range of different fruits and textures. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the day.

Sign of the Week

This week our sign has been 'goodbye'



What have we been learning this week?

This week we have been working hard subtracting in maths and talking all about ourselves in English, we have enjoyed bucket, it makes us laugh and smile

Home- School Communication - Tapestry

Tapestry is now up and running and staff have been busy uploading observations and updates during the week, we hope that you are enjoying seeing what your child has been up to.

If you are having any issues please get in touch and we will see how we can support with getting you up-and-running with it; in time, this will be our main source of communication.

Many thanks,

Lauren Norton, Head of School