

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is half term already! It has been a super half term full of learning and laughter. It has also been very special having all the children back in together. Let's hope that's the last of assemblies over zoom! The children had a wonderful time at the school disco yesterday. It was also lovely to hear that the man who was running the disco sent a text to say 'Kids are a real credit to the school, well behaved and I was blown away by the amount thanking me at the end, made it worth the trip'. I was in a meeting for most of the disco but it was great to hear the children laughing and playing in the background! Many thanks to the PTA and everyone who helped out with the disco. It couldn't go ahead without your support.

After the author visit last week, the children in FSU, Yr 1 and 2 enjoyed another author visit this week. This time from Triona Harris author of The Tomluc Tree. There are photos on our Facebook page.

### Library

Please can you check at home if you have any of our library or reading books hidden away. We seem to be missing quite a few. Also, if possible please try and avoid putting your child's water bottle inside their book bag. We are finding quite a few books are being ruined by leaky water bottles. Our new reading books cost £4.50 each and so far over 20 books have come back unusable.

### Reading workshop

We recognise the importance of reading across school and getting the children reading well at an early age is vital for helping them to access all of the curriculum and their future development.

We have bought in to a new phonics programme and changed some of our reading books. We are inviting parents of FSU, Yr 1 and 2 to a parent meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. This is so they can hear about the new programme and ways in which they can support their child at home.

I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

Please remember Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November is a non-pupil day. We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

### Diary dates:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Non-pupil day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Early reading workshop 2.30pm. Parents of FSU, Yr 1 and 2 invited.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Theatre production for KS1

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Mufti Day for Children in Need. £1 donation.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm and 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity

**Headteacher's Award:** Oak Class – Imogen, Arnie, Rowan Class – Poppy B, Aurelia, Cherry Class – Leo, Sukie, Damian, Brooke, Amelia

**Bronze Awards:** Oak Class – Remy, Tallulah, Martha, Ava, Rowan Class – Lily, Louie W, Issy, Cobie-Lily, Millie, Sycamore Class – Isabelle, Olivia, Thea, Chloe, Poppy N, Eden, Rowan, Connor, Freddie

**Silver Awards:** Sycamore Class – Douglas, Poppy W, Evie K, Poppy J, Isla

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Laicee, Rowan Class - Catriona, Sycamore Class - Isla, Cherry Class - Leo, Maple Class - Emily, Beech Class – Elizabeth.