

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to what will be a very busy term for your children. I hope you and your children have had a relaxing break.

For our topic this term we are going to be investigating different modes of transport starting with our feet, moving onto cars, trains, planes etc and finishing with snow transport such as skis and sleighs in time for the Christmas break! For part of this topic we do require boxes to create different modes of transport. If you have any boxes for these creations please send them in with your child.

### Reading

Firstly I would like to thank those of you that came to our reading meeting last term. We hope it was useful and gave you an understanding of how important reading is, how your children learn to read at school and how you help to support them at home. Unfortunately, possibly due to the timing of this information evening, many of you did not attend. Reading is key for your children's learning and a skill that we believe is very important. If you were unable to attend the evening please come and see me and I will supply a pack of information about reading in Class Reception and answer any queries you may have.

Many thanks to those of you that record reading with your child at home in their reading record. This is very informative for us and offers us the opportunity to discuss this with your child at school. The children are able to change their reading books daily either when they arrive in the morning or during 'free choice' times through the school day.

### Independent Children

I am so pleased with the amount of children that now come into the classroom in the morning on their own. We are encouraging independence for all class reception children so we are asking if you could support us with this and encourage your child to come in on their own. Obviously if you have an urgent reason to speak to a member of the team there will always be a member of staff at the door to welcome your child and take any messages or answer your queries if appropriate.

### Reminders

Can we please ask if you have not yet sent in your child's £7 snack money for this term please send it in as soon as possible.

We will continue to visit the outdoor classroom on a Wednesday afternoon. Please could you ensure your child has suitable old clothes for this; Joggers, leggings or jeans are ideal for exploring and climbing. In addition to this if your child hasn't yet got a pair of wellies at school please could you send some in, particularly as the weather is now changing?

PE will continue and will take place at times outside. Can you please ensure your child has suitable warmer clothing for example joggers, leggings and a sweatshirt or hoodie.

Due to it being cold outside now and warm in the classroom the children are taking off their jumpers and cardigans when inside regularly. Please can you label all of your children's clothes so that we can make sure they all come home to you?

Our Well Done board unfortunately has only a few examples of your children doing wonderful independent things out of school. Please feel free to send your child with a short message, on a post-it or small piece of paper, telling us what they have done and we will celebrate these in class. It is a great way for your child to talk about and share their achievements and can be for anything such as cleaning their teeth independently, helping at home or demonstrating something they have learnt at school at home.

We encourage children to bring in items to talk about and share with their friends if they are linked with what the children are learning about in the classroom, however, we ask that other toys are left at home. We feel these distract the children from their learning and can easily be lost or broken.

Finally, The Bliss Charity School is a Healthy School and we ask children that bring packed lunches to ensure they contain healthy foods. We are seeing an increase in chocolates, sweets and cakes in the children's lunchboxes. If you need further advice with this please come and see us.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and speak to Mrs McNair or myself.

Reception Team