

Raccoon Class

Newsletter



December 2018

Christmas Performance

We are now on the countdown to Christmas and it will be here before we know it. Congratulations to all the children on their successful performance of our Christmas Play 'A Nursery Rhyme Christmas Story'. The children spent a lot of time rehearsing and have worked really hard to learn the songs, dance moves and lines. We hope you enjoyed watching it, as much as we enjoyed performing it.

Share

A huge thank you to all the parents that came to our share session last month. It was fantastic to see so many of you there. The children had a fantastic time and were all engaged and created some amazing pieces of work. There will be another Share session in the Spring Term so look out for dates of this.

Trip

Our first trip is booked to the Ancient House Museum in Thetford on Wednesday 9th January. We will be completing activities on the theme of Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. Please can all consent forms and any contributions be in school by Monday 17th December. Although we will back at school by 12.30pm, all children must have a packed lunch as school dinners will not be available when we return.

Focus Children

Every child is unique and here at **Lakenheath Primary School** we love to celebrate everyone's differences. We like to find out about every child's interests and the things they like, in order to help each child learn in a way that suits them. Therefore over the next term every child will be a focus child. We will be observing them whilst they are playing and taking opportunities to introduce new skills and ideas. We would really like to hear about their home life to help us get to know them better and plan activities that your child will enjoy. With this in mind before your child's focus week we will send a letter home for you to fill in to help us plan activities for your child. Your child will also come home with a box for them to fill with things that are important to them. They will get an opportunity to share this with their peers during the week. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated. At the end of the week there will be an opportunity for you to see your child's observations and meet your child's class teacher to discuss the observations that have taken place and plan next steps together. Focus Children have now stopped for the Autumn term and will start again in January

Home Learning

We are loving seeing all the hard work the children are putting in at home on their home learning. Remember to encourage them to be as independent as possible with this. These will continue to be sent home on a Monday and will need to be returned the following Monday. Please make sure your child gets in the routine of taking their book out on a Monday morning and handing to their class teacher. Homework has now stopped for the Autumn Term and will start again in January.

Lateness

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our gate opens at 8.40am every morning and all children should be sat on the carpet ready to begin learning by 8.50am. Any children arriving after this time will be marked as late. It is disruptive to learning and means our morning routines are delayed when children are late. Please ensure your child is on the carpet by 8.50 am every morning.

P.E

In January we will be starting P.E. This will be every Tuesday morning. Every child will need to have a named t-shirt that is either plain white or the colour of their family group and pair of black shorts. We will be inside so no trainers will be required. Please ensure earrings are removed before school that day. Please support your child in practising getting themselves changed over the holidays.

Letters

If you have any paperwork to return or any information to share please hand it to the adult on the gate first thing in the morning.

Other Information

- **Coats**-The weather is turning cold and the children will continue to be using the garden. Please make sure the children have a coat every day and it needs to be named
- **Independent Wednesdays**- In January we will be introducing independent Wednesdays. This means that the children will say goodbye to parents at the gate and walk into the classroom independently. We will do this every Wednesday for the rest of the term.
- **Toys**- Please make sure the children do not bring any toys to school.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. The children have all had a fantastic first term at school. We would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many Thanks

The Early Years Team