

10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you had a fantastic half-term holiday and are looking forward to embarking on an exciting new half-term.

### '6 weeks in meeting' and 'Special book look'

It was great to see so many of you at the '6 weeks in' coffee morning and the special book looks. Thank you to those of you who came and shared your lovely comments about the children's time at school. During the '6 weeks in meeting' we also discussed our *Active Learn* online reading system. If you have any questions about this, or need more information please see your child's class teacher. Your thoughts and opinions are important to us and we are working hard to respond to any comments made. With that being said plans are in place to improve the EYFS waiting area as this was raised during the '6 weeks in meeting'.

### EYFS Teaching Staff

After the 'six week in meeting', we felt it was important to introduce you to some of the teachers that are working with your children every week. All teaching staff are entitled to time for preparation and planning, as well as time to carry out any leadership responsibilities. The way our school likes to do this is by having talented and extremely experienced EYFS teachers cover these times for the class teachers.



This is Mrs Barry. She teaches in RNL on a Wednesday and Thursday.



This is Miss McAulay. She teaches in RMP on a Thursday afternoon and a Friday morning.

### Book Bags

Many thanks for the fantastic comments in the children's yellow reading diaries. It is lovely to see so many children reading at home. If you share any books from your *Active Learn* online account a comment for this can also be entered into their yellow books. Please continue to ensure that all book bags are brought into school on a daily basis and that children have returned their school reading books. If books are not returned then new books cannot be given out.

### Topic

For the second part of the Autumn term we will be continuing with our topic *'Magical, Marvellous Me'*. This term we will be focussing on family, similarities and differences and staying healthy. We have also taken the opportunity to celebrate Halloween and Firework Night and are looking forward to teaching the children about Christmas. We are always looking for exciting new ways to make sure everyone feels a part of this special time so if any parents of different religions would like to come in and share with the children how Christmas, or any other festival at this time is celebrated in your household, please discuss this with your child's teacher.

### Forest School

After a fantastic introductory session for Forest School, we are pleased to inform you that further dates have been arranged for Reception. These dates will all take place before our main sessions in the Summer term. The sessions will be taking place in the morning so we ask that the children come into school dressed in their old/forest school clothing and bring their uniform to school in a named bag.

<b>RMP</b>	<b>RNL</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February

### Other dates for your diary

<b>Parent Consultations</b>	<b>RMP:</b> Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
	<b>RNL:</b> Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>EYFS Nativity Performance</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>EYFS Panto</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

### Just a reminder!

Now that the weather is getting colder, please can you ensure that children bring in coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Please can you ensure these items of clothing are clearly named. We love using the outdoor environment in all types of weather and so need the children to be prepared.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Early Years team. Although we may not always be able to speak to you in depth at the beginning or end of the day, you can make an appointment to see any member of the EYFS teaching staff after school to discuss any concerns or ideas you may have. We look forward to seeing you at the parent teacher consultations.

Warm regards,

The Early Years Team