

Newsletter for Parents; Spring Term 2017

Little Owls

Class Teachers- Mrs A Parkin & Mrs B Aspinall

Assistant Teacher-Mrs L Bingham

Student teacher- Mr C Hoop (until half term)

Welcome everyone in Little Owls class to a new year and a new term at school. We had a very busy, fun packed learning programme last term. We also enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Royal Horticultural Society at Harlow Carr in Harrogate early in the term and thoroughly enjoyed a jolly good performance of 'Rudolf' at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds, where we laughed and sang and followed a magical story about the importance of friendship. And before Christmas the children did a sterling performance in our own version of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' story in front of a very appreciative audience, thank you. It got us all into the festive spirit and we really had the cute factor this year.

We trust you all had a lovely Christmas holiday together and are rested and refuelled for the coming Spring term. We are very pleased with the way the children have settled back into school after the long Christmas break, the children bounded back in to school and are demonstrating their confidence in the classroom setting, so well done everyone and much achieved already!

INFORMATION SESSION -THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 8.45-9.15AM

In addition to our information letter, which will be sent to you next Thursday, we are offering you a meeting with us for about half an hour. Here we will inform you of our updated electronic recording system and how this effects you.

'Window info'

Please check our classroom window for our planned weekly learning opportunities to be posted up for your information.

We shall also endeavour to provide each child with the opportunity to 'Show and Tell'. Please encourage your child to bring something relevant to our topic only on their day, thank you.

- **'SENSES'** is our topic this term with a particular focus each week with Mr Hoop during his 6 weeks teaching experience with us.
- **Handwriting**, correct letter formation of all alphabet letters
- **Literacy writing**, diary 'news' writing each Monday.
- **Literacy reading**, sounding out to spell consonant vowel consonant (cvc) words, e.g. s a t = s (consonant) a (vowel) t (consonant)
- **Mathematics; Shape, Space and Measure** with a particular focus on weighing and estimating

Visits out and about

Tesco's 'From Farm to Fork' visit - Wednesday 25th January

We shall be taking the children to Tesco to engage in some 'senses' activities where we will be sampling different fruits and vegetables from around the world. A visit letter, detailing more information, will be on its way shortly.

Reading

Thank you to those parents who are diligently reading school reading books everyday with your child and please remember to sign your child's Link book in order for us to know to change the returned reading book, thank you.

'Cool Milk'

Milk has been very popular with the majority of the children and for those children who have now turned five they will no longer receive free milk. You can purchase milk, for a small amount, if over five. Please discuss this with your child as some five year olds are quite disappointed that they now do not receive the milk. This must be done through the Cool Milk scheme. If you are unsure please ask at the school office.

P.E/Games

Could you please send your child's, labelled, P.E. kit into school, in a bag to be left on your child's peg within the next couple of weeks as we will start getting changed for some of our physical activities. We cannot stress the importance of labelling your child's belongings as you will appreciate one red T-shirt looks the same as another! Thank you.

Show and Tell

If your child wishes they can bring something in to show and share with their peers. Please help your child to choose an item relevant to our topic and have some idea of what they would like to tell us. Your child's Show and Tell day is displayed on the class window (along with the week's learning focus). We endeavour to fit this in to our very busy days but, as you will appreciate, this is sometimes very difficult.

☺ **Thank you again for your continued support - here's to a fantastic term ahead in Little Owls class ☺**

