

May 2017

CLASS 1 CHRONICLE

Reception

Welcome back to the summer term, we hope you all had a restful holiday. The Easter Stay and Play was very successful. Lots of families came and the children really enjoyed spending time in school with them. We raised £35 for our class fund which will go towards lots of exciting activities for the children this term. We are planning to do a summer Stay and Play in the second half of the term and hope to see as many parents as we did for the Easter and Christmas events. Thank you for your continued support.

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SUMMER

Nature

As the weather is getting warmer and spring turns into summer we will be spending lots of our time learning about nature. We will be using our outdoor area to explore minibeasts. We will investigate the different types of minibeasts, where they live and the type of living conditions they prefer. We will also explore the mini beasts living in our school pond. This will link to the school trip we are planning to Washington Wetlands in the second half of the term. We will be looking again at the birds in our garden and the changes that are occurring for them e.g. nesting, eggs, and feeding chicks. We are lucky enough to have some blue tits nesting in our school nesting box so we hope to catch a glimpse of them going in and out to feed their chicks. We would really appreciate it if you could talk about these things with your child at home and extend it by looking for signs of nature in your garden or the surrounding area.



Storytelling

Also this term we are having a big focus on storytelling. We are going to be reading traditional stories and stories relating to nature. The children will be telling their own stories, writing them down and sticking them in our storytelling book. It would be great if you could encourage this at home by reading to your child as much as you can talk about stories and discuss the characters in them. You could make up your own stories and encourage your child to do the same. Bedtime is always a good time to do this.

Homework

Thank you to everyone who is supporting their child with reading and homework. At this point in the year we are really encouraging the children to write. We are not expecting all children to be writing lots of sentences, but if you could encourage them to do **some** writing as part of their homework e.g. writing a word to label a picture and getting them to sound it out and write it **themselves**. We would also encourage writing for a purpose for example a shopping list or an invitation. If they do this during the weekend feel free to stick it in their book to show us. If your child is writing in sentences please encourage finger spaces and a full stop at the end.

Many Thanks

Important Dates so far...

Half Term: Week beginning 29th May 2017- return to school on Monday 5th June 2017

Class trip to Washington Wetlands: Thursday 15th June 2017

School closed for training: Friday 23rd June 2017

The Big Sing for mini Singers: Thursday 29th June 2017

Sports Day: Monday 10th July 2017

Reports will be sent out: Friday 7th July 2017

Summer Stay and Play: Wednesday 12th July 2017

Year 6 Leavers Mass: Friday 21st July 2017 at 9:15am

Dates and times to

PE	Tuesday Mornings
Welly Wednesday	Wednesday afternoons
Drop in sessions	Tuesday Mornings 8.45 - 9.15 am

PE kits

A number of PE kits have yet to be returned to school after the holidays. Please can you send them in with your child as soon as possible. Thanks

Class Fund

Thank you for your voluntary 50p contributions to our class fund.

This helps to fund cooking activities, playdough ingredients and craft activities. This term we are saving for some new waterproof suits as our old ones are a bit tatty. Please could you send your donations in an envelope labelled with 'class 1 fund'.

Thank you very much for your support.



There is no parents evening in the summer term as reports are sent out in July. However if you would like to speak to one of the team at any point about your child's progress, please feel free to come in and see us. We still have an open morning on a Tuesday where you can pop in between 8:45-9:15, but if you are unable to attend these sessions you are welcome to catch us at another time.

Milk

Just a reminder when your child turns 5 they no longer receive free milk. If you would like them to continue to have milk at snack time with their friends you will need to contact Cool Milk to pay for it.

www.coolmilk.com

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Big Sing for Mini Singers

This term we will be beginning to practise our songs for the Big Sing for Mini Singers. All of Reception and KS1 will be taking part in this music performance at the Sage in Gateshead. This is a fantastic opportunity to sing in a music hall alongside lots of children from other schools. It was very successful last year and we are really looking forward to going again this year. The songs this year are all based around the theme of 'In the Garden'.



Changes in the weather

We are hoping for some sunny weather this half term, but at the moment it is still pretty chilly at times. We spend a lot of our time outdoors so please can you make sure your child comes to school with a coat, while the weather is unpredictable. As it gets warmer children will need to bring a sun hat to school and have sun cream applied before school. If you wish your child to apply it themselves at lunchtime, they can do this with adult.

