

The Outstanding Offers' News By Mrs Bond



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to have the chance to speak to you all before the half term during our pupil progress meetings. If you were unable to make your appointment and would still like to discuss your child's progress, please let me know and I will happily arrange a time to do this. I'm pleased to say that the children have come back refreshed after the holidays and ready to start their new learning for this half term. Please see the other side of this letter to read more about our current learning.

As always, I am here to support you and your child in any way I can. I am looking forward to the next half term and all of the exciting learning opportunities we have in store.

Forgiveness

Our Christian value for this term is 'Forgiveness'. We will be thinking about what it means to forgive and the importance of forgiveness. Using key stories from the Bible, such as 'Jacob and his Twelve Sons' we will consider what these stories tell us about forgiveness and what they teach us about God.



Phonics Home Learning

You will have seen that your child has been coming home with some phonics home learning. This will continue to be sent out every Friday and is to help you to support your child at home with their phonics. Their home learning sheet includes the sounds they have been taught that week in their phonics sessions and some words containing those sounds (as well as sentences). Please support your child to practise saying the sounds they have learned and then applying it to the words using our school reading routine: **Spot it** (spot the sound eg: ay), **segment it** (sound it out, saying all of the sounds eg: t-r-ay), **read the word** (blend all of the sounds together to read the word). If you would like any further support on how to support your child with their phonics, please come and see me and I will be happy to help you.

Dates for your diary:

- * Friday 22nd November: Year 1 phonics drop ins for parents
- * Friday 29th November: Children will take part in decorating the Christmas tree as a school family.
- * Wednesday 4th December: Year 1 children will be attending the Normanton Town Council Christmas party.
 - * Thursday 12th December: Year 1 Nativity in Church at 10am.
 - * Friday 13th December: Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day.
 - * Tuesday 17th December: Year 1 Christmas party in the afternoon
 - * Friday 20th December: School closes for the Christmas holidays at 2pm.

PE

Year 1 PE sessions will usually be taking place every Thursday and Friday this half term but it is best to leave kit in school all week in case of last minute changes. Please ensure your child has a full, named PE kit. To support your child in getting dressed and undressed confidently for PE, please encourage your child to do this themselves at home where possible. This will ensure that learning time is not lost during PE lessons. Thank you.