

5th November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to school for the second part of the Autumn Term. As you are probably all now aware, Mrs Fletcher is unable to continue working with us at Padstow as it is too far for her to drive every day. Luckily, we now have Mrs Roberts teaching the class. I have again enjoyed helping with the planning and resourcing for Y4. Mrs Roberts has spent time with Mrs Fletcher getting to know the class and the routines so that these can continue with the least disruption for the children.

This term, Y4 will be responsible for the design and making of the school's lantern for the Padstow Christmas Lantern Parade. They have a big job to do and will hopefully win the first prize for us again! They will each be making and decorating a smaller lantern which will come home when completed. These will be for the Lantern Parade but, obviously, we have limited space to store the large lantern and then a class of smaller lanterns.

The Y4 classroom door will be open for children to arrive each morning from 8:35am until 8:50am. Any child arriving after this time will need to sign in at the school office as the register will have closed. School dinner requests are recorded alongside the attendance register.

On arrival, children are expected to put their belongings away tidily and begin their Early Morning Activity promptly which will be detailed on the whiteboard or out on their tables ready.

Children can be collected from 3:15pm at the classroom door, unless written permission has been given to the school for them to walk home alone.

The Autumn Term 2 topic web and spelling list are also being sent out with this letter and everything is now available on the website.

PE is football and will take place on Wednesday afternoons. Each child's PE kit should be in school every day as we may take any opportunities arising for additional PE on the field or playground while the weather is still good. If children do not have the correct P.E. kit in school, they will not be able to participate in the lesson. For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity.

P.E. kit consists of a blue / white polo shirt, black shorts with plimsolls for indoor activities and trainers for outside. Girls wearing tights to school should have socks to change into. During the colder months, children may wear a plain black sweatshirt over their t-shirt with plain black tracksuit bottoms for outdoor activities.

PLEASE ensure all kit is labelled with your child's name.

Homework - the whole Autumn Term project

Children (and any helpers!) should create a model of the habitat of an animal that lives by, and uses, the river. This should include the actual habitat, what it is made from, structure (burrows, nest, etc) and a model of the actual animal that lives in it. If you have any questions about this, please ask Mrs Roberts. The Celebration Assembly for these projects will be held on Monday 17th December. Could all projects be sent in on that morning please.

Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. The whole half-term's list is available on the website. Times tables will be used on a regular basis across the week with any testing taking place when relevant.

Reading

Reading Records will be checked on a Wednesday for the 4 reads and will be stamped once checked. If children read more than 4 times, that is fantastic.

If you have any questions, feel free to catch Mrs Roberts at the classroom door, but please remember teachers are busy setting up for the day first thing in the morning. If you need to discuss anything in more detail, please make an appointment at the office to speak to either Mrs Roberts or Mrs Whitford.

We are all looking forward to a very productive and enjoyable Autumn Term.

Thank you.

Mrs Whitford and Mrs Roberts