

COTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 7th January 2019

Dear Parents

Thank you

Welcome back. We hope you all had a good Christmas and we would like to thank you all very much for your Christmas cards and presents. We hope the children have had plenty of opportunity to rest after all their hard work last half term. They performed beautifully in their play, we were so proud of them.

Topic

Our new topic is 'toys'. The children will be talking about the toys they got for Christmas this week, they are welcome to bring in a photo of a toy they received or an actual toy on Friday for show and tell.

We will also be learning about toys from around the world and comparing old and new toys. If you have any unusual toys that you would be willing to lend to us, they would be much appreciated. We would particularly like examples of toys from different countries. We are also planning to make sock and string puppets later on in the half-term so if you could hold onto any old socks to send in for us it would be appreciated.

Labelling

Please can we remind you to make sure that you label all of your children's belongings, including any lovely new clothes they may have had for Christmas. The children are provided with a snack for the mornings but they will need a healthy snack every afternoon and a drinking bottle (water only please) at school every day. Please make sure their snacks and **snack pots are clearly labelled** with their names, the base and the lid.

Messages for the teachers

If your child attends home club, please could you send us a quick note to let us know their regular home club days. The 'Messages for teachers' sheet will be up on the notice board if you need to tell us anything else, such as someone different picking up your child or medical appointments, or changes to home club arrangements (This is important as sometimes home club arrive to pick up the children but they have already gone home with their parents). Both school and home club need to be very clear about these arrangements. There will always be an adult at the door if you would prefer any information not to be on the notice board.

Reading

Please try to hear your child read every day and support them to learn the high frequency word sheets too. The impact of doing this is very evident. The children who read regularly make far more rapid progress and have a much greater depth of understanding. It can be hard to find a moment when your child is not tired. Sometimes choosing a regular time, such as after dinner or after breakfast can help. Please write a little note in their reading record each time you hear

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them read, this helps us to know how they are progressing at home. They can change their reading books when they are ready for the next one, the 'books for changing' tray will be left out each morning if they need a new book. It is also highly valuable to read them a bedtime story regularly, this is how the children end up with a bank of ideas and knowledge about stories, which will inspire them for life, to retell stories, tell their own and begin writing them.

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours Sincerely

Amethyst Class Staff