



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. We hope you all had a lovely break.

This half term we are continuing with looking at superheroes through our 'Super you, Super me' topic by now learning more about real life superheroes – People Who Help Us. There is lots going on this half term so we will also be exploring celebrations including bonfire night, remembrance day, World Nursery Rhyme Week and of course Christmas!

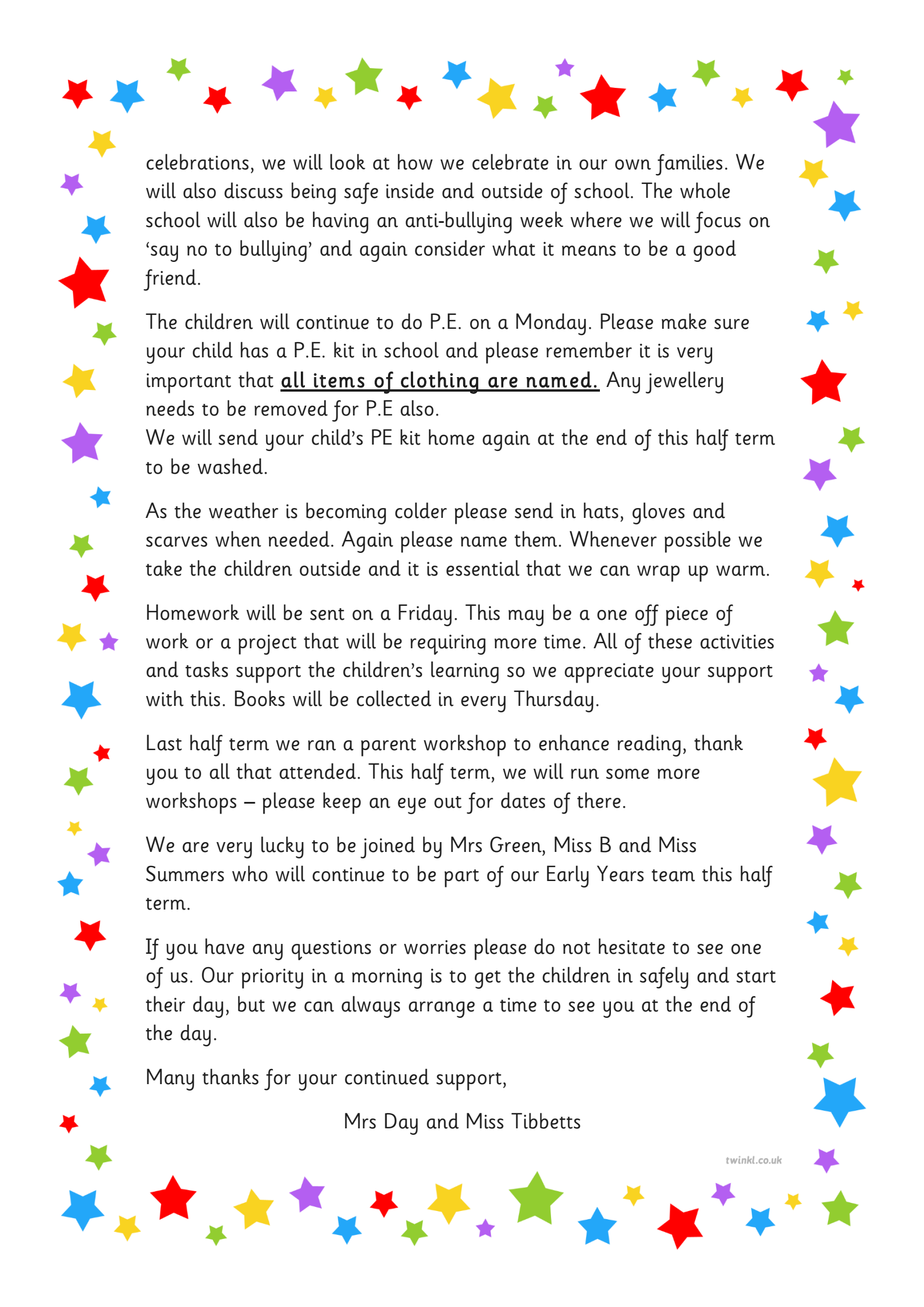
The children will continue to read to us once individually each week and by the end of this term all children will also be heard read in a Guided Reading group. Your child may also be ready for their own word check book, where they will be tested on reading up to 6 new high frequency words, weekly.

The days that the children will read will often vary, so it is very important that their book bag is in school every day.

The children will continue to have a daily phonics session, developing their knowledge of Phase 2 and introducing Phase 3 where we will learn more letter sounds, how to write them correctly and develop our word building skills, e.g. c-a-t, r-o-a-d, s-p-o-o-n, etc.

In Maths the children will be exploring colour, 2D shape and pattern. They will continue to develop their mathematical language to describe size, height and length. The children will also begin to develop their understanding of more and less and will begin early addition by combining 2 sets of objects and then learning how to write this as a *number sentence* e.g. $2 + 3 = 5$.

Through weekly Personal, Social and Emotional (PSED) sessions the children will look at 'celebrating our differences'. As approach



celebrations, we will look at how we celebrate in our own families. We will also discuss being safe inside and outside of school. The whole school will also be having an anti-bullying week where we will focus on 'say no to bullying' and again consider what it means to be a good friend.

The children will continue to do P.E. on a Monday. Please make sure your child has a P.E. kit in school and please remember it is very important that **all items of clothing are named**. Any jewellery needs to be removed for P.E also.

We will send your child's PE kit home again at the end of this half term to be washed.

As the weather is becoming colder please send in hats, gloves and scarves when needed. Again please name them. Whenever possible we take the children outside and it is essential that we can wrap up warm.

Homework will be sent on a Friday. This may be a one off piece of work or a project that will be requiring more time. All of these activities and tasks support the children's learning so we appreciate your support with this. Books will be collected in every Thursday.

Last half term we ran a parent workshop to enhance reading, thank you to all that attended. This half term, we will run some more workshops – please keep an eye out for dates of there.

We are very lucky to be joined by Mrs Green, Miss B and Miss Summers who will continue to be part of our Early Years team this half term.

If you have any questions or worries please do not hesitate to see one of us. Our priority in a morning is to get the children in safely and start their day, but we can always arrange a time to see you at the end of the day.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Day and Miss Tibbetts