

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

This half term we are going to be learning about lots of 'Celebrations'. These will include bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, World Nursery Rhyme Week and of course Christmas!

We are hoping to do an Early Years Nativity performance this year even though unfortunately we will not be able to have an audience. We are looking into ways of how we can facilitate this so keep a look out for more information in the coming weeks.

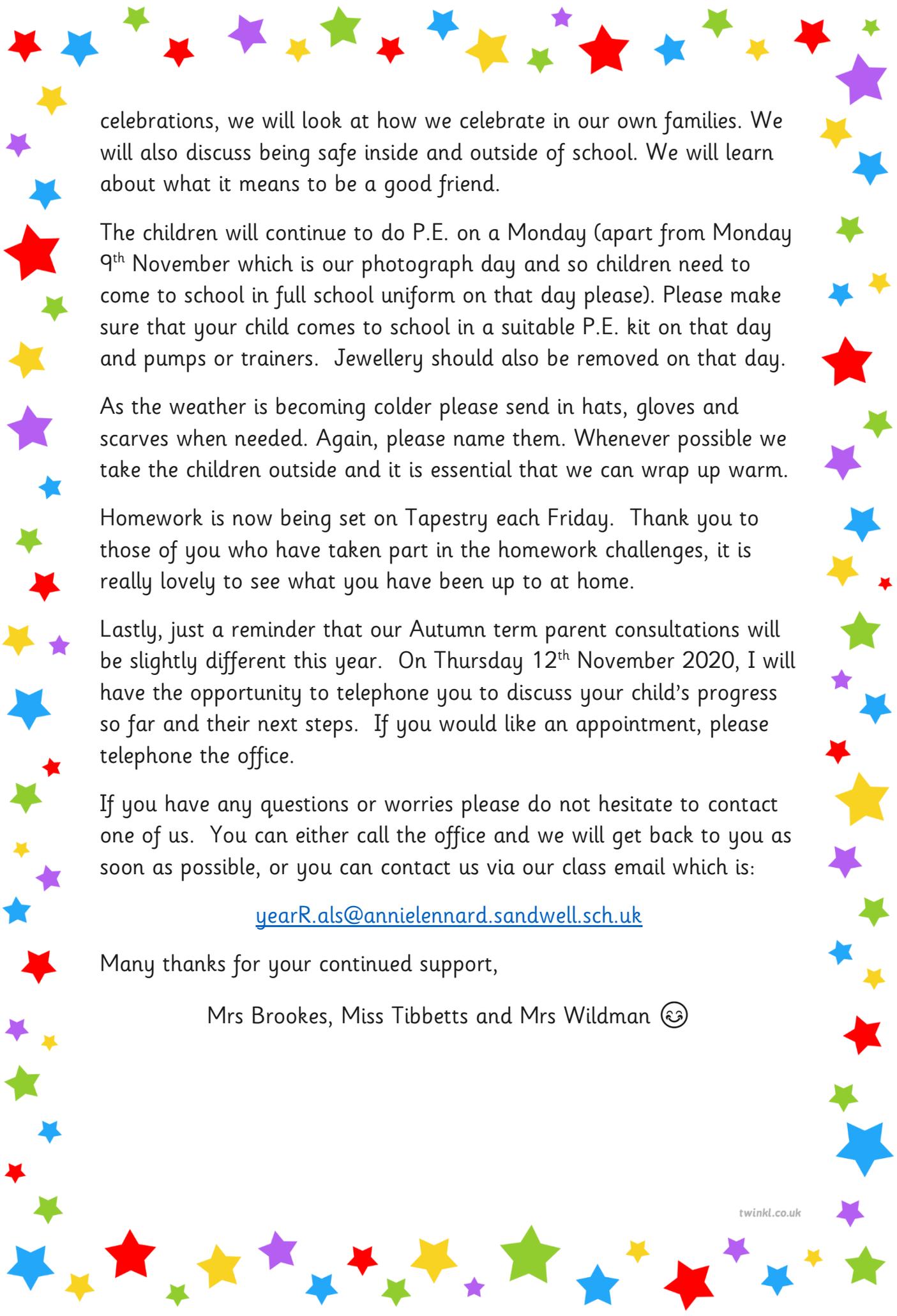
The children will continue to read to us once individually each week and by the end of this term all children will also be heard read in a Guided Reading group. Your child may also be ready for their own word check book, where they will be tested on reading up to 6 new high frequency words, weekly.

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-oa-d, s-p-oo-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 we approach



celebrations, we will look at how we celebrate in our own families. We will also discuss being safe inside and outside of school. We will learn about what it means to be a good friend.

The children will continue to do P.E. on a Monday (apart from Monday 9th November which is our photograph day and so children need to come to school in full school uniform on that day please). Please make sure that your child comes to school in a suitable P.E. kit on that day and pumps or trainers. Jewellery should also be removed on that day.

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 is now being set on Tapestry each Friday. Thank you to those of you who have taken part in the homework challenges, it is really lovely to see what you have been up to at home.

Lastly, just a reminder that our Autumn term parent consultations will be slightly different this year. On Thursday 12th November 2020, I will have the opportunity to telephone you to discuss your child's progress so far and their next steps. If you would like an appointment, please telephone the office.

If you have any questions or worries please do not hesitate to contact one of us. You can either call the office and we will get back to you as soon as possible, or you can contact us via our class email which is:

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Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Brookes, Miss Tibbetts and Mrs Wildman 😊