

# Tividale Community Primary School

## Newsletter – Class 1 and 2



### Attendance and Punctuality

We hope that you all had a wonderful half term holiday and would like to extend a warm welcome to you all at the start of a very busy half term. It is very important that the children attend every day and that they are on time coming to and leaving school. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Miss Ralph or Mrs Noble (Class 1) or Miss Davies (Class 2).

### Routine

Thank you for your support in adopting our school routine. The children have benefitted and have settled in well. We would be grateful if you could say goodbye to your child in the playground when their class teacher is with them and ready to walk them round to the classroom. Allowing your child to walk into school independently will help develop their confidence. Your child will be working to achieve the targets that have been sent home along with this newsletter. On wet mornings, the children will be allowed to enter school via the lower playground entrance. The door will be open no earlier than 8.45am on rainy mornings and a member of staff will escort the children to their classes.



### Uniform/Clothing

Everyone looks very smart in their school uniform and we would like to thank you for your efforts in this respect. Recommended PE kit is a white T- shirt, blue shorts and black light weight pumps for indoor use. We thank you for all the PE kits that have already made their way in to school and would be grateful if any PE kits that are still at home could be sent in as soon as possible. Unnecessary jewellery should not be worn. If children have pierced ears, studs may be worn. **Could you please label all items of clothing to save any mix –ups.**

### Milk and Fruit

Children under five are entitled to free milk daily. If your child does not like milk, please encourage them to bring in a named bottle of water to drink in class at this time. **Juice or fruit squash should only be brought in lunchboxes for children to drink at dinnertime and not in the classroom.** All children receive a free piece of fruit daily which they can eat at morning playtime.

### Topic

This half - term our topic will be 'Shall we party?' The children will have the opportunity to learn about and celebrate many different celebrations and festivals. We will be exploring Bonfire Night by making a range of firework pictures using a wide range of materials, discussing how to stay safe around fireworks and sequencing the story of the Gunpowder Plot. During the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> November of we will be commemorating Remembrance day. The children will understand why people wear poppies, what soldiers did and making a poppy. **On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, children are invited to wear red to school to help us commemorate Remembrance day.** During this week, we will also be raising money for Children in Need. In addition to this, the children will have an opportunity to celebrate Diwali. We will be sequencing the story of Rama and Sita, making Diva lamps, rangoli patterns and mehndi patterns. We will also be looking at the festival of Hanukkah, how people celebrate this and making a Menorah. Finally we will end this half term by celebrating Christmas, writing letters to Santa, making cards and decorations and practicing our Christmas play.



### Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to develop our number recognition and ordering skills during this half term. We are looking for children to be confident with numbers to at least 20 by the end of the year. We will also be continuing practicing our counting. Children should be able to rote count to 100 by the end of Reception. We will begin to look at addition and subtraction this half term and become familiar with the language associated with these operations.

### Literacy

Our main focus this half term will be teaching the children how to blend the sounds together to read simple words and building simple sentences using some high frequency words such as the, was, to. We will be continuing to work on writing our letter sounds correctly. Please help support your child by practicing the sounds they have been taught in school. Your child will bring home a reading book with a reading record. Please find time to hear your child read and make a comment in their reading record to let us know how they have got on. **Reading books will then be changed weekly each Wednesday.** However it would be helpful if your child could bring their books each day.

### Homework

Your child will be sent home with two pieces of homework (one piece of Literacy and one piece of Maths) in their homework folder on a Friday. Please sit with your child while they complete their homework. **Please return your child's homework in their folder by Wednesday.**



### Wow Board

We appreciate that children have different experiences and achievements outside school e.g. football clubs, dance, swimming, visits to special places. We would like to share and celebrate these within school. We have created a WOW board in Reception to display these experiences and achievements. We would like as many children to contribute as possible, therefore, if your child has anything to display on it, for example, photos, certificates, drawings, paintings etc, please encourage them to bring them into school. Post it notes will also be available for you to let us know about anything your child has done at home e.g. counted to 20, added two numbers together.



### Important Days/Dates

PE	– Mondays and Wednesdays
Non Uniform Day Children in Need	– Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Reception Christmas Play	– Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Fayre	– Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Reception Trip to Ash End Farm	- Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party	- Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Break up for Christmas	– Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Return to School	- Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January

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**Signed:** Mrs Noble and Miss Ralph (Class 1)  
Miss Davies (Class 2)

**Date:** November 2014