



Furzeham Primary and Nursery School

'Inspired to learn, inspired for life'

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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Our new term has started well and the children are settling back into the school routine nicely.

The theme for our creative curriculum this term is Ancient Egyptians which will link with English where the children will be writing their own quest stories and explanation texts. Much of the work this term will be leading up to our Class Showcase) to which you are warmly invited (please see newsletter for specific dates).

Please remember our learning starts directly after the register is taken at 8.55am. Children who arrive late are missing important information and part of the first lesson. Therefore, could you please make every effort to ensure your child is in school on time.

Please remember that your child's Reading diary will be checked by a member of staff on a regular basis. It is used as a Reading Record to record reading activity in, a reading book will be sent home with them every day. We have daily records to record who has read at home and special certificates are rewarded every week for those children who have read every night. This should not be an onerous task, just 10 minutes each night. Reading is vital to all other areas of learning. **Please** support your child with this and indicate they have read by signing their book.

Please can you make sure your child has a PE kit which should remain in school from Monday to Friday. A school PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, black or blue shorts, spare socks and trainers for PE. Long hair must be tied back so, if this applies, please provide hair bands. Jewellery must be removed for PE so please help your child learn to manage stud ear-rings themselves. If you would like them taped instead of removed please put appropriate tape in your child's PE bag. Mr Ward's class will also be swimming this term, details of this will follow very soon.

Home learning tasks will continue to be set on a Friday and, unless stated otherwise, will be expected to be handed in on the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to do their homework independently, as this is an important habit to develop, but of course if your child needs support then don't hesitate to give it. We politely suggest that at Year 3 and 4 you spend approximately 30 minutes on any one piece of homework. Please remember that daily reading and learning of spellings are part of your child's weekly home learning.

Don't forget to check our school's website and class blogs where we put regular updates and photographs of events happening at school!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Job, Mrs Hall, Miss Shears and Mr Ward.