

## **Year R Newsletter - Issue 4**

### **Festivals and Celebrations**

We have started our new topic about 'Festivals and Celebrations'. It has started by learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We have been creating firework pictures on the computers and fireworks models using junk. If you have any cardboard tubes you would like to donate we would really appreciate them. Next week we start looking at birthdays and how different people celebrate them.

As stated in a previous letter we will be looking at all sorts of celebrations including weddings and Christenings. We would love for the children to share their experiences of these occasions so if you have photos or other memorabilia that you would be happy to be brought into school please send a note to your child's class teacher so they can talk to you about it. We will be focusing on traditions such as wedding dress, Christening gowns, bridesmaid dresses, party decorations, the role of a best man, the role of a god parent etc.

### **Lacey Library**

Thank you so much to all the parents who have thus far volunteered to help on our Lacey Library visits. We really appreciate your help. Please see below who is going when.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Class 2

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Class 3

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Class 1

### **Coats and wet weather gear**

Thank you to all the parents that have ensured their children are attending school with a waterproof coat. It makes such a difference to their learning experience knowing that they can go outside in all weathers. We would like all children to be able to access the outside learning environment in all weathers so please provide your child with warm hats, wellington boots and waterproof trousers. As the weather becomes more changeable it is important that the children still have choice about where their learning takes place, whether that be inside or outside, we want to the children to warm and dry.

### **Roleplay donations**

Some our roleplay areas this half term are post offices, if you have any envelopes, used stamps, jiffy bags etc that you would be happy to donate please give it to your child's class teacher.

### **Book bags and Reading books**

Please can you ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day with the appropriate things in. This should include their high frequency word list, their 'spot' reading book, their Lacey library book, their school library book and their reading message book. We do read with the children regularly and this is easier to do if they have the correct items with them.

### **PE Kit**

Even though the weather has turned colder please ensure that your child has shorts and t-shirt for PE lessons. We do PE indoors and due to health and safety cannot use apparatus if children are wearing long sleeves or trousers.

### **Messy Church**

St Cuthbert's Messy Church (Lichfield Road, Copnor, PO3 6DE) is happening this Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 2:00-4:00pm. All families are welcome for free craft activities, games, and light refreshments. This month there will be glow in the dark makeup, fake wounds, indoor fireworks and much more. Regards, St Cuthbert's Church

We look forward to an exciting and busy term.

Yours sincerely,

The Year R Team