



# **FORM TEACHER'S TERMLY WELCOME NEWSLETTER**

**Nursery : Spring Term 1 2019**

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and wish all our families a very happy New Year.

Our topic work for this half-term will be based upon the work of some of our 'Favourite Authors'. Over the next few weeks we will explore the books of Judith Kerr, Jill Murphy, Jez Alborough, Shirley Hughes, Julia Donaldson and Nick Butterworth. We will also be asking your children to bring in some of their own favourites to talk about and share with the class. We also hope to have two local outings during the half-term to support our topic. In our work on Jill Murphy we will share the story 'A Piece of Cake' and will visit the local bakers to purchase a cake. Our second outing will be a walk to Harpenden library for a story session focusing on the books of Julia Donaldson. As always our topic work will cover all seven areas of the EYFS Curriculum and our weekly Focus Sheet, which you will find on the EYFS notice board, will give you full details of all the week's activities and their links to the curriculum.

We also have a visit from a theatre group on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. They will be presenting us with a free workshop entitled 'Superheroes'.

In our twice weekly Music lessons with Mrs Harte we will focus on exploring a range of different musical instruments, rhythms and sounds through various stories and activities.

We will continue our weekly French lesson with Mrs Bishop each Thursday. We will be concentrating on learning numbers, colours and greetings as well as links to our 'Favourite Authors' topic.

We will continue our weekly 'Jolly Phonics' lesson each Tuesday, extending our phonic knowledge further, whilst consolidating the sounds previously taught. We will also be working on our 'Sound Talk', blending together sounds to begin to hear simple words.

This half-term we will begin our weekly 1:1 reading sessions with the children. Each child will be issued with a core book which we will share with them exploring elements such as who the characters are in the book, where the book is set, what they think happens in the beginning, middle and end, can they predict what might happen next, etc. Each child will be supported individually, working at a pace suitable for them. During the Nursery year simple phonics books may be introduced to work in conjunction with the core books, but only if we feel that your child is ready, having firstly developed a secure phonic knowledge. Please ensure that the reading books are left in your son or daughter's book bag each day. Books will be changed weekly on a Tuesday. To assist you to support your child with the introduction of 1:1 reading we will have a short meeting on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at 8:40 a.m. in the Dining Room. Coffee will be available from 8:30.

We look forward to meeting with you at the Parent Consultations on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 where there will be the opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress to date. Appointments will again be offered during the afternoon and evening.

Many thanks,

Mrs Radgman and Mrs Weir

Please see below for important dates this term:

<b>Term commences for Nursery</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
<b>Nursery Reading Workshop</b>	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
<b>Visit to Bakers Shop</b>	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
<b>Nursery and Reception Parents' Forum</b>	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019</b>
<b>Superhero Workshop</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>
<b>Nursery Parent Consultation Afternoon and Evening</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>
<b>Visit to Harpenden Library</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>
<b>EYFS Celebration of Work</b>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019</b>

Please see the St Hilda's Calendar of Events for full school dates.