

# St Clement Danes Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## RECEPTION CLASS NEWSLETTER

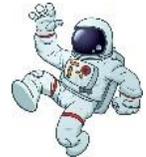
Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely break and we are so glad to be back with the children, ready for the new term. Thank you again for all your efforts with helping the children to prepare for the Nativity Play. The children did such an amazing job! The children have made a super start to the new term and have enjoyed sharing their lovely Christmas holiday news. This newsletter contains information that I hope you will find useful over the coming weeks.

### Curriculum

Our topic for this half term is *Space Adventure!* In Reception, we encourage the children to develop **Characteristics of Effective Learning** through *Playing and Exploring, Active Learning and Creative and Critical Thinking*. Throughout the term the children will continue to engage in a broad range of activities to support and challenge their learning across 7 areas of development, both inside and outside the classroom:



- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✓ Communication and Language
- ✓ Physical Development
- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Understanding the World
- ✓ Expressive Arts and Design



### Space Dome



We will be having a visit from the Space Dome on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to make a payment towards this exciting visit, the payment can be made online or you can speak with Miss Everett in the office. As this is happening on a Friday there will be no Golden Assembly on that day. The Reception session **begins at 9.00am** in the hall so if you can arrive as early as possible that day it would be most appreciated.

### Punctuality and Attendance



Thank you for all your efforts to arrive at school on time every day! Please make sure that you help your child to join the line at the door by 8.50am, as soon as you arrive and leave promptly to ensure we can have the children registered and close the gate at **9.00am**. This is to help ensure a safe and happy start to the day for each child.

### Books and Flashcards



A huge thank you for all the time you continue to devote to reading and learning flashcards with your child at home; it has such a fantastic impact on their progress! Please remember to record a brief comment in the yellow Reading Record book **every day**. We check and read these when we change Reading books on Mondays and Thursdays. Your comments are extremely helpful. Beginning this term, Reading Books (decodable texts linked to our phonics learning) and Library Books will be changed on **Thursdays** and Flashcards will now be tested on **Fridays**. Please make sure that you bring these home learning tasks on the designated days each week, otherwise your child may miss the chance to have their book or flashcards changed. Remember to take care to take your child's books out of their bag so they are holding them as they line up ready to hand them to me at the door. Thank you!



**Thursdays:** Yellow Reading Record and Library Book  
**Fridays:** Flashcards



### Uniform Reminder



Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct **Winter uniform**, including a black or navy blue coat. Coats need to be warm and fairly waterproof as a lot of our learning takes place outside, come rain or shine! In this cold weather, the children will need **navy blue tracksuit bottoms** for their outdoor **P.E. lessons**. The **pale blue hooded P.E. sweatshirts** can be purchased online at [www.stitchdesign.co.uk/stclmd](http://www.stitchdesign.co.uk/stclmd). Please ensure that *all* items of clothing are *clearly named*. Thank you!

### Toys



Please make sure that your child has kept their special toys and objects at *home* when they come to school in the morning. We wish to make sure that they don't lose any things that are precious to them and home is the safest place for them. Thank you for your understanding!

### Contribution Money



Thank you so much for your continued donations! Your voluntary contributions of **£1-5 per term** are so appreciated. They enable us to buy extra resources, such as ingredients for cooking and craft materials, to further enrich the curriculum for the children. I also want to extend a big thank you for being supportive in lots of different ways; it is so greatly appreciated! Many thanks!

### Recycling



The children in Reception love doing lots of craft activities and making models from recycled materials in their 'Busy Bee' time. Plastic bottles, empty kitchen rolls (no toilet rolls please) and other items would be particularly useful! Please avoid bringing anything relating to cleaning products (eg laundry liquid) or allergens (eg no egg cartons, things that have contained nuts). Thank you!

### Targets



Your child and I have been looking through their big white folder and talking about all their wonderful learning and the progress they made last term. We have set a new goal for this Spring term (see below).



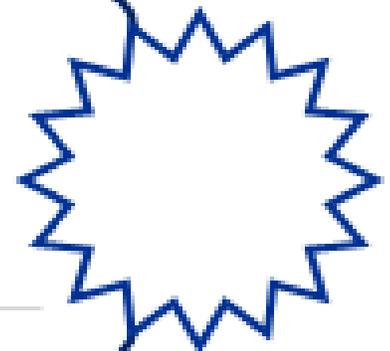
## My Targets



**SPRING TERM:**

I am learning to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



With best wishes and many thanks,

Ms J. Crook  
Class Teacher

