

Hello Everyone,

This week we have read the story Not Now Bernard. We have used the story as a talking point for our philosophy session, written about the monster in the story and introduced the children to tallying when hunting for pictures of the monster and Bernard in the outside area. The children wrote about their scary monster which they drew last week, we encouraged them to use some descriptive language in their writing.

Next week we are focusing our learning around the story of Bog Baby. We will be making our own bog babies using salt dough, writing a story about bog baby and making our own bogs for bog baby in the woodland. We will be talking about the story and what we would do if we were to catch a bog baby of our own. Next week's homework will also be themed on the story of Bog Baby.

Now that the children are nearing the end of their Reception year we would like to begin to encourage them to come into the classroom by themselves. If you would gradually begin to say goodbye to your child at the door and encourage them to come into the classroom independently, this will be good preparation for year 1. We will be having a series of transition mornings after half term to prepare the children for a move to year 1. There will be an information evening for parents about the move to year one on Tuesday 10th May at 6.30pm in the year one classroom, there will a letter to follow.

We are holding our next story café on Thursday 19th May at 2pm in the Reception Class, please come along and join us. Our next class assembly will be on Thursday 30th June at 9.00am. The EYFS graduation ceremony will be on July 18th at 11.15am, please put all these dates in your diary.

Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school on a Tuesday morning, after half term we will be doing PE outside and starting to practice games ready for sports day. Please can you provide your child with a pair of trainers for doing PE.

Please can you look through the unclaimed items of uniform/ PE kit on the window sill in the cloakroom. This is starting to build up now and these items must belong to someone! I will be removing these items at the end of next week and placing them in the schools lost property. Please make sure that all your child's items of uniform/ PE kit are labelled with their name, that way items can be easily returned to the owner.

Just to make you aware we have had one case of slapped check in class this week. Although this is quite harmless for children it can be risky to pregnant women, especially in the early stages of pregnancy. If anymore children do develop slapped check, please can you let us know, many thanks.

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