

Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

8/9/17

Welcome back to another school year. We have planned lots of exciting things to do with your child this term and our first topic is titled ***Food Glorious Food!***

In English lessons, we will read a range of food themed stories which will provide opportunities for retelling and inventing different versions of the original. We will follow recipes to learn about instructional writing too. In Maths we will start with counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. We will look at place value and work on number sequences.

Science will cover humans – naming and locating body parts, keeping healthy, looking after teeth and food groups. Later in the term we will learn about different animals and food chains.

In Geography we will find out about where different foods come from and locate these places on a map or globe.

Homework

Please read with your child every day (10-15 minutes is ideal) whether that is hearing them read to you or you reading a story to them. Check they understand what they have just read/heard and encourage them to make predictions of what could happen next. Above all, keep it fun and offer lots of praise for using their phonic knowledge to tackle new words.

Classroom Routines

PE: Tuesday – please ensure your child has a named pair of navy shorts and a blue T shirt. Trainers will also be needed

Library: Friday

Our classes will be covered on a **Wednesday afternoon** by Forest School teachers (Mrs Harlow & Mr Mullins), Mrs Coleman will lead cooking sessions and Mrs Thapper will lead ICT sessions. This will be a rolling programme of activities so we will let you know when your child is doing each activity. **Please let us know if your child is allergic to any particular foods.**

Mrs Bagnall's whole school newsletter will be sent by ParentMail this week so please sign up for this at the bottom of our website page <http://st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk> if you are not already receiving this. This weekly class letter will also be available on the website each week and will give you details of what we have taught in class and how you can support your child at home.

Have a lovely weekend!

Class Essentials:

1. Morning Routines

- a. Please do not go to classrooms before 8.40 a.m. (you may wait with your child in the hall from 8.30-8.40).
- b. Please arrive before 8.55 a.m. (if you are late you will need to sign your child into the 'late' book at reception).
- c. All children should bring a water bottle to school, and KS2 are encouraged to bring a morning fruit break (these are provided free for Reception and KS1).
- d. All children in Reception and KS1 are now eligible for free school meals, but they may bring a packed lunch if they prefer. These should include a healthy balance of protein, fruit and veg and carbohydrate. No sweets or energy drinks please.
- e. All KS1 classes and Reception have a communication book for parents who are not collecting their children at the end of the school day, to write down their child's after school arrangements including Ebenezzer's. This should be done daily.
- f. Diana Forbes is available in the hall from 8.40-9.00 for all payments and clubs.
- g. Jo Williams or Susanne Addis are available for all other queries that do not involve money at reception.
- h. For after school clubs, please liaise with the provider directly – their email addresses are on the after school club flyer which can be found on the home page of our website
<http://st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk>

2. Kit

- a. We have no school uniform at St. Ebbe's, but children must dress appropriately for active learning and play and wear shoes that they can run around in. We also recommend children to bring sun hats to school when necessary.
- b. All KS1 and KS2 children need a pair of outdoor shoes suitable for wearing in bad weather on the field, and a change of shoes to wear indoors; these should be plimsoll style (no flip flops, crocs or slippers). Children in our EYFS need one pair of shoes and a pair of wellington boots for the outdoor learning area.
- c. All KS1 and KS2 children need navy shorts or leggings and a blue T-shirt in a named bag for P.E. The Health & Safety officer has advised that jewellery can be dangerous when worn during P.E. sessions and also to avoid loss we ask that no jewellery be worn to school except studs for pierced ears. Also for health and safety reasons, all children with long hair should have it tied back.
- d. Y3-Y6 will all go swimming during the year. Children must wear a swimming hat (available from the office), and goggles may not be worn without written permission from the child's parent.

3. Attendance

- a. If your child is ill, please ring and notify the office before 9.30 a.m.
- b. If there are exceptional circumstances, parents may apply to the head teacher for leave of absence using the official form. The head teacher will not authorise time off for holidays in term time. Please see our Attendance Policy for further details.

4. KS1 and KS2 Homework

- a. Children must read daily (preferably to an adult until they are fluent readers), and record their reading in their journal or diary.

- b. Children will have weekly spellings and tables (or number bonds) which must be learned.
- c. In addition teachers will provide a variety of optional activities in the form of a concept map related to the curriculum theme for the term. Teachers will award bronze, silver or gold certificates for this homework.

5. Parent Partnership

- a. If you are available to help regularly in your child's class, please talk to the class teacher.
- b. We often need parent help for curriculum visits. Teachers will include a request for help in the visit letter.
- c. We have an active parent association called SESA (St Ebbe's School Association) that organises fundraising and social events. For further information please contact SESA at sesastebbes@gmail.com
- d. We also have a parent council that meets with the head teacher or deputy and parent governors every term. The council is made up of representatives from each class. Please contact SESA if you are interested in serving on this council sesastebbes@gmail.com
- e. We have lots of school events involving parents and for parents throughout the year. Dates will be added to our website calendar once they have been confirmed and shared in the weekly newsletter.

6. Communication

- a. Mrs Bagnall is available at the front gate most mornings from 8.40-9.00 a.m. for any general queries.
- b. We send out a weekly newsletter on Friday containing important information and dates and news. You need to sign up to receive this at the bottom of the homepage on our website <http://st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk>.
- c. All other classes publish a weekly curriculum letter on the class area of our website. Please keep up to date by referring to this weekly.
- d. Our school website is at <http://st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk/> this includes our school calendar.
- e. If you have any concerns about your child's learning or welfare, in the first instance, please speak to their class teacher. It is best to do this after school in order not to delay class registration. If your child's teacher is not able to resolve the issue, please make an appointment at reception to speak to Mrs Bagnall.
- f. We hold parent-teacher consultations in December and March and reports are sent home at the end of the school year.