



Autumn Term 2012

Tuesday 4th September 2012

Lime Class Newsletter

This term in brief:

Numeracy: properties of numbers, addition & subtraction, shape, fractions, division & multiplication, measures, problem solving.

Literacy: Non-chronological reports, instruction writing, calligrams and shape poems.

Topic: Weather around the world.

Music: rhythmic patterns

PE: Tennis, tag rugby, swimming.

RE: Religion and the Individual—Christianity

PSHE: Friendships, peer pressure, rules.

French: introducing yourself, counting to 10,

ICT: Word—changing font size and colour, inserting text boxes, saving documents.

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer break and are returning refreshed ready for the new school year.

PE this term will be on Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. Weather permitting, the Friday afternoon PE lessons will be outside, so please ensure your child has trainers, track suit bottoms and a sweatshirt/fleece as required. During the Thursday morning PE sessions this term we will be going to Kingfisher Pool in Sudbury for our swimming sessions. The children will be in the water between 10.30am and 11am. They will need their swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat brought into school each Thursday morning in a named bag big enough to fit their school uniform into. We are unable to buy hats at the pool so please ensure your child has one prior to the first swimming session on 13th September. To help your child be a quick, independent changer may I politely request that girls do not wear tights on swimming days as they have proven difficult in the past to get on after getting out of the water. The children have been put into provisional groups based on the information you provided but these groups are subject to change once

full assessments have taken place. If you have any queries about our swimming sessions please do not hesitate to speak to me. I am still awaiting a couple of consent and medical forms for swimming and must advise that if I do not have these forms in my possession your child will be unable to go swimming with the rest of the class.

Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Bigg will be covering my PPA time this term, on a Wednesday afternoon, and will be teaching the children art, DT, music and RE during this time. Our timetable for the coming term is overleaf for your information.

Homework will be issued weekly on a Wednesday (commencing 12th September 2012) to be returned by the following Wednesday. There is a folder in the classroom where the children should place their completed homework. Whilst I appreciate that some children do not enjoy homework (!) it is important that they get into the habit of completing work at home and as such I would ask you to encourage the completion of this short piece of work.

Spelling tests will be on Tuesdays with the words being sent home the previous

Tuesday. Times tables will eventually be tested on Thursdays but these will not start immediately. I will notify you once these are to begin.

Each Friday, I will choose a child from the class to be my 'Star of the Week'. They will be chosen because they have worked hard, behaved in an excellent way, been kind and helpful or been a good friend. This child will be given Monty, our class mascot, to take home for the weekend together with his diary to write about their adventures together. Monty and the diary will need to be returned to school on the following Monday. At the end of their week as the class 'Star' the child will receive letters from their classmates saying why they deserved to be the star.

Parental help is always greatly appreciated. If you are able to come in and listen to readers either at the beginning (8.45am to 9.15am) or the end (2.55pm to 3.20pm) of school on a regular or ad hoc basis, please speak to me.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to speak to me either before or after school.

