

Plat Douet School  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome back and Happy New Year!

The children have settled back into their routines ready for a busy and fun Spring Term. This term we will be learning about 'Traditional Stories'. We will be retelling stories, rewriting our favourite tales and acting them out. After half term, we will learn all about the magic of growing, linked to Jack and the Beanstalk, and will be starting to replant our award winning vegetable and flower patch. We will also be continuing our learning in Maths, as well as Little Wandle for Phonics.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things:

### **School Hours – Morning Arrival**

The doors will be opened at 8:30am and doors will close at **8:45am**. If you arrive after this time, please go through the main door and register your child at the office to avoid disrupting the morning routine. School finishes at 2:55pm.

### **Literacy**

This term in Phonics we will continue to learn to read and write sounds, to be able to write simple words and sentences independently. We are really pleased with the children's progress and will begin to introduce more digraphs (e.g. ai, ee, igh). Please continue to help your children with their sounds and tricky words at home.

### **Maths**

This term we are deepening children's understanding of number and looking at how we can add different numbers together to make the same amount, as well as addition and subtraction. We are learning to group in fives and tens, doubling and halving as well as one more or fewer. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, as well as patterns.

### **P.E.**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on their P.E. day wearing their school tracksuit and sensible trainers. Please find your child's P.E. day below.

**Children have P.E on Monday and Tuesday (Rec Walker) and Thursday and Friday (Rec Wilson)**

### **Home Readers**

Children's books will be changed on a Friday and we will endeavour to change them on a Tuesday as well if your child has read their book.

### **Music**

We are continuing with our weekly music lessons with Mrs Arnet. This term we will be learning songs about winter and the cold weather.

**Uniform**

Please ensure children come to school in the correct uniform each day. School uniform is black school shoes, either a white shirt with a tie, or a yellow Plat Douet polo shirt (with a collar) with, school trousers, shorts, a skirt, a pinafore or a summer dress. P.E kit is a yellow t-shirt, blue P.E shorts and a blue tracksuit with trainers (for P.E days / swimming days only). Please can you ensure your child wears school colours, such as black/grey/blue tights and blue/black tracksuit top/jumper.

**Snack**

If you are sending a snack into school, it must be a healthy item for their snack, this can be from fruit and vegetables to rice cakes or crackers. Please avoid sugary snacks and any type of chocolate or crisps. **Snack should be clearly named** as the children now have snack independently when they want it.

**School Report**

At the end of Spring term, you will receive your child's annual report.

**Medical appointments**

If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, please inform the office staff and bring the letter for them to copy.

**Miscellaneous**

As the weather is so changeable please ensure that your child has a coat at **ALL TIMES** and if you want to provide your child with wellington boots please have their boots **clearly named**. Please ensure that **ALL** uniform and personal belongings are **CLEARLY NAMED**.

Also, please check your class boards daily for important messages or reminders.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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