

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Welcome back to Franciscan after what was hopefully a restful and enjoyable break. The children worked really hard last term and they enjoyed taking part in the Christmas performance.

This term our topic is 'Time Detectives' and children will be learning about the past. They will identify some similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods and sort objects from 'then' and 'now'.

We will continue to give out homework each week and so we would like to remind parents that children should be completing their homework independently with support given when necessary.

We will continue to hear your child read regularly in class and will give them a new reading book to take home every week, which they should bring into school **every day**. It would be helpful if you could set aside 10 minutes each day to hear your child read. **Please make a comment** in the reading record that reflects how your child has read. Please remember to sign and date it.

This is an exciting time in your child's education and they will need our support throughout the year. We feel that it is essential that we work together in partnership! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see us and we will do our best to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Gurdas, Ms Lev and Mrs Farooqi-Patel

Rights

The children will be continuing to learn about their rights as a child .

Value of the month

Values for this term are as follows:

January – Optimism

February – generosity

Physical Education/Dance

In our school, we encourage all children to be active, fit and healthy. We have PE every week and children will not be allowed to participate without the appropriate kit.

PE kits should include:

- **Plimsolls or trainers**
- **Red t-shirt**
- **Navy shorts**
- **Navy jogging bottoms or leggings.**

Children should bring their kits at the start of every half term and take them home at the end.

Home time

School finishes at 3:15pm. Could you please ensure that you let the class teacher know when you collect your child. If somebody else is picking up your child you will need to inform the class teacher. If we have not been informed then we are unable to let your child go home until we call you.

Dates for your diaries

January
 16th RE Day
 WB 21st Healthy living week
 21st After school clubs start
 22nd Teachfit Day
 28th Maths week
 February
 8th Chinese New Year assembly Y1&2 @ 9.30
 WB 18th -22nd - HALF TERM
 25th School open to pupils
 March
 4th Book Week
 7th World Book Day
 21st Parents' Evening 4-8pm
 April
 5th Last Day of term (own clothes day) 2pm finish

How to help your child

- Read everyday.
- Practice spellings regularly.
- Visit the library.
- Write a daily diary at home
- Practice times tables (2s, 3s, 5s and 10s)



Homework

Homework will be handed out every Friday, please ensure they are returned by the following Tuesday. Spellings will be set as part of the homework. Please practice these regularly (not just once) to give children the best chance of learning them for their test! following Tuesday.