

Axe Class

Information for Parents

2010/11

Class size 23

12 Year 1

11 Foundation Stage

Class Teacher Miss Doyle

Teaching Assistants Mrs C Wilson (0.6)

Mrs S Wilson (0.2)

Miss H Bishop (0.2)

Fruit

We run a healthy tuck shop at school, it operates during morning play. The children can buy fruit, yoghurt raisins or cartons of fruit juice (depending on availability) Everything costs 20p and it is helpful if your child only brings 20p per day. We have Free Fruit (from the Government) that is given out in the afternoons

Rewards

When children have worked particularly hard or made a special effort they are rewarded with a stamp on their hands. This is so that you can reinforce it at home. There is also a sliding scale of rewards 'Well Done' cards that eventually lead to a non uniform day – we will let you know if your child has earned a non uniform day.

Naming clothes Will you please name all of your child's clothes – indelible pen or name tags are best. It is *impossible* for us to keep track of clothes that are unnamed. This includes shirts, vests etc when we have swimming or PE.

Reading Your child will bring home a book bag with a reading book. It is very advantageous to your child if you get into the routine of doing some book based activity every night. Your child might initially be very tired but the activity does not have to be onerous – you could read to him/her, discuss the characters, decide on another ending, look for specified things in the pictures etc etc. If the child is focussed on the book and you are sharing an activity based on the book it will be valuable. **It is your responsibility to change the book when you are ready.**

Paint Obviously we will do our best to keep your child paint free but if it does happen try soaking and rinsing the clothes in **cold** water first then washing them with washing up liquid.

Birthdays The School Council decided a few years ago that Birthdays should be Non Uniform. If your child's birthday falls in the holidays or at the weekend they can have the Non Uniform day on the next school day. We no longer allow children to bring in sweets to share on their birthdays but if you want to send in a healthy snack to share you are welcome

Water – we have a water dispenser in class and the children can help themselves.

Homework

On Fridays the children will bring home their phonic books with the sounds they have done during the week. Could you reinforce them at home please. They will also bring some Literacy based homework for the weekend. If you do not have time to do the homework please let me know as we will often check or test these sounds on a Monday and it is useful to know who has practiced them at home. They will also get Numeracy homework on Wednesdays – this will be based on games and play activities. The children are not expected to do it all on one night – it is more a series of activities that you can do at any time so you can keep the sheets for reference. We do need to have some record that it has be done please.

Swimming/ Showing

This half term it is Showing on Wednesday afternoons but after half term it is swimming. We go to The Flamingo Pool in Axminster, we go by coach from school at 2.45 (after afternoon play) and the children are to be collected by their parents from the swimming pool at 3.30. We understand if you need to be a little late because of collecting older children from school – just let us know. The children are very closely supervised and there is always an adult in the water with the children as well as parent helpers on the side of the pool in the unlikely event of an emergency. Please let us know if you have any concerns about swimming. This term we are swimming after half term from 2nd March to 6th April. We will need volunteer helpers – please.

Pe kits – Children usually leave their Pe kit in school, only taking it home to be washed at half term. The latest advice on footwear states the plimsoles are now out! They don't provide sufficient support for children's feet and rarely fit properly. The recommendation now is for children to wear trainers. We only get changed for PE for Tuesdays Hall session – our other Pe lessons are in the classroom or the playground and we do not get changed.

Collecting children Children in Axe Class must be collected by an adult. We will not let your child go out until we can see you. If someone other than yourselves is collecting your child you must let us know by writing it on the whiteboard in the entrance hall.

Spring Term 2011

This Term we are going to focus our lessons around the
Topic

Growing plants

We will be looking at all aspects of Growing and Plants this term. So the children will be doing a lot of outdoor work – weather permitting. We will be asking you to send in wellies at various times – please make sure they are clearly named. Some of the children will be digging and learning to use garden tools, some of them will be planting seeds indoors and others will be planting grasses and seeds outside. If anyone has any large containers we can use we would be grateful.

As the weather gets warmer we will move onto flowers and vegetables.

If there are any parents who would like to come in and help in class this term you would be very welcome – just let me know when you are free.