



Week beginning 05/11/18 Updated Week beginning 12/11/18

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back- we hope you have had a good half term break!

Reflecting upon last half term, we wanted to acknowledge how well the children have settled into school; they have learnt many school routines already and are successfully adapting to school life at Harbury. Thank you to all of you for supporting the transition.

I am hoping that over the holiday you have had an opportunity to look through all items of school-wear, including PE kit, to check that they are clearly labelled with your child's name; this will really help us to return lost items to their owners. If you have acquired any pieces of clothing that do not belong to your child, please return them to school so that we can successfully return them to their true home!



The children will continue to need a named water bottle (water only please) as well as an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times. Please have a pair of wellies kept in school for impromptu muddy walks and playtimes. They do not need to bring in a mid-morning snack as these are already provided.



We will continue to strive to check the new home-school contact books daily; please continue to use this book as a way of passing on information or to ask questions. Reading books will continue to be changed every Wednesday with Bug club books being given out alongside the free-choice books. Read Write Inc books will begin to be sent home following the meeting to parents on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Please ensure that we are informed of any medical information about your child. If we need to keep any medication in school (eg. Inhalers) then please speak to Mrs Kate Wilson to complete the relevant forms at the school office. Some of you will have been contacted to arrange a time to complete Health Care Plans for your child.

The children will continue to have many opportunities to share their learning experiences out of school with us. The main way is through our 'Proud to be me!' board; if your child wishes to share some exciting news or experience with us in school, or perhaps an achievement they are proud of, they can bring in a relevant memento or photograph to be placed on the PTBM board. We will aim to discuss the contents on a regular basis. Please note: do not send in anything valuable or sentimental in case of breakages-perhaps send a photo of it instead. Additionally, I would kindly like your support to sensitively discourage the children from bringing toys into show unless they are closely linked to the topic.

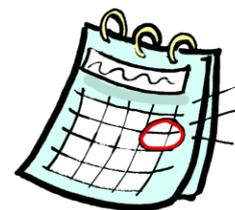
There will be some learning activities sent home throughout the year. These are opportunities for the children to share their learning with you at home; they are not designed to bring stress or panic so please do not worry if you are unable to complete some of them.

**A few dates for this half term:**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Parent's Meetings. Appointments booked via an online sign-up system. Please make sure you have completed this; if you need assistance to do this, please speak to/email Mrs Wilson in the main school office. \*Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Postponed\*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: 'An Introduction to Phonics teaching at Harbury- Part Two: Transferring skills to reading books' meeting for Reception parents/carers (2.30pm or 6.30pm) A sign-up sheet is available at the main school office now.

NB: This session will also include information from the postponed Tapestry meeting.



Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November: Reception 'Stay and Learn' mornings (9.00-10.30am). A sign-up sheet is available now.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Infant theatre trip to Warwick Arts Centre- part of the school day. Letter/email already sent out.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Flu nasal sprays for Reception children. More information to follow.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance (afternoon and evening)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day and Infant Christmas party. Part of the school day.

Remember, the school website is a useful place to gather more information about general school events and specific Reception information on our class page: [www.harburyschool.com](http://www.harburyschool.com).

We look forward to continuing to build home-school relationships this half term. Feel free to pop in and see us if you have any questions/queries.

Best Wishes,

The Reception Team

Mrs Naomi Neale (Class Teacher)

Mrs Gael Conway, Mrs Isobel Clarke, Mrs Pam Jones, Mrs Tara Johnson and Mrs Angela Batchelder (TAs)

Miss Kate Fowler and Mrs Karen Rea (Covering Mrs Neale's leadership time)