



January 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy new year to you all- we hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday. After the success of last term, we are excited to welcome the children back after their break and hear about all the wonderful things they experienced over the festive period. We wanted to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for all the kind words, cards and presents we received at the end of last term- it was very generous of you.

**\*New for this term\***

### Outdoor Learning

We will be timetabling an outdoor learning session with a focus on Maths or English in the school grounds most weeks and unless it is extreme weather conditions, we will aim to ensure these go ahead. Therefore, please could you ensure that your child has a named pair of wellies and a warm, waterproof coat (one that you don't mind if it gets muddy!) in school every day. Thank you! The children can use their wellies as their outdoor shoes.



### New Topic

As you will see from the attached topic web, the children will be entering into another exciting topic this half term: *What's Inside the Toy Box?*



As part of this topic, we will be encouraging the children to talk about their favourite toys. Please could you send in a photograph of your child with their favourite toy by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January. If sending in a pre-printed photograph is difficult, please email a copy of the picture to the school email address ([admin3032@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3032@welearn365.com)) in order for us to print it off before the date specified.

During the topic, we will also be comparing toys from the past with those of the present. Any opportunities for you to discuss the toys of your childhood, or even perhaps Grandparents' choice of toys would be greatly appreciated. As always, if you have any connections or ideas to complement this topic, please pop in and let us know.

**\*A few reminders from previous letters...\***



We are 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 make sure the outdoor kit includes long jogging bottoms/trousers and a long sleeved top/jumper as we will be still going out in cold weather.



We will continue to strive to check the red book bags daily; please continue to use the home-school contact book as a way of passing on information or to ask questions.

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; however, I really would like to encourage them to bring in things for the PTBM board.

Please ensure that we are informed of any updates concerning 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. Please make sure these items are checked to see if they are still in date.



### **Tissues**

As the cold and cough season continues, any donated boxes of tissues for us to use in our classroom are greatly received. Many thanks!

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

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019: 'An introduction to Early Writing skills' (2.30pm or 6.30pm) This session will include a short practical element so please come in flat shoes. A sign-up sheet is now available at the school office.



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019: 'An Introduction to Early Maths'. (2.30pm or 6.30pm)  
A sign-up sheet will be available at the main school office nearer the time.

Week beginning 11th March 2019: Reception 'Stay and Learn' mornings (on some days 9.00-10.30am). A sign-up sheet will be available at the main school office nearer the time.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019: Parents Evenings. More information to follow via the main school office.

Remember, the school website is a useful place to gather more information about general school events:  
[www.harburyschool.com](http://www.harburyschool.com) .

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)