

### Home Bingo:

We will be giving out a home bingo book to your child – please see the attached letter inside the book that explains how we run home bingo in Reception. We can't wait to see what the children will do!

### School Milk Services:

When your child turns 5 they are no longer entitled to free milk. You arrange payment with School Milk Services directly (not through school) for your child's milk if they wish to continue to have it.

You will receive a letter in your child's book bag shortly before they are 5 with the details.



### P.E.

PE days are on **MONDAY Hedgehogs and FRIDAY in Squirrels, Forest Schools** is every **TUESDAY**. Please make sure that your child's PE kit and school uniform are clearly named. Some skills we are practising when changing are folding our clothes when we take them off, knowing how to sort out our socks so that the heel goes at the back and turning clothes back the right way when they are inside out. Your help with reinforcing this at home would be much appreciated! Please make sure that hair is tied up and earrings are taken out on PE days.

### Assemblies.

We will be joining assemblies every Monday with Key Stage 1 and every other Tuesday for 'Open the Book' Storytelling. This will help develop the children's confidence and make links with the wider school.



## EYFS Newsletter: Squirrels and Hedgehogs

### Term 2: Teddy Adventures!



Thank you for all of your support during this busy and exciting first term at school. We are sure you are all looking forward to a well-earned break and hope you have a very happy half term.

We are so pleased with how much progress Squirrels and Hedgehogs have already made since starting school. They are growing in confidence before our very eyes!

Our topic next term will be all about Teddy adventures. We will be learning all about 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Whatever Next' and comparing, hunting and making bears!

**Mrs Brown, Mrs Leach, Mrs Weeks, Mrs Millard and Mrs Savage**

## Phonics:

Thank you to those of you who attended the phonics workshop earlier this term (Powerpoint information is now on the website: 'Phonics at The Tynings 09.10.18 under the EYFS pages). So far this term the children have been introduced to the letters and sounds:

s/a/t/p/i/n/m/d/g/o/c/k/ck/e/u/r/h/b/f/ff and the accompanying Jolly

Phonics sheets have been sent home weekly. Over the half term, try to keep reviewing these letter names and sounds as well as the Jolly Phonics actions. Now that they know these sounds, they may also be able to segment and blend simple words such as:

*it, is, sit, sat, nip, pan, man, mat, dad, sad, tin, nap, did, tag, pig, dog, cot, cat, kit, kick, pick, pen, neck, up, rug, rat*

We have also learnt the tricky words 'to' and 'the' – we have explained tricky words as words you cannot sound it and just need to learn by sight.

How you can help at home:

- \* practice name writing in pre-cursive letters
- \* using snappy fingers to form letters correctly
- \* use letter cards to make up simple cvc words e.g. sat, pin
- \* hunt for the sounds in any books you share

Try this website: <http://mrthorne.com/> for some great videos



## People and Communities:

Through our bears topic we are going to explore family customs and routines. We are going to learn all about celebrations such as Halloween, Bonfire night and Christmas and discuss how the way we celebrate may differ. It is important for the children to recognise that there are similarities and differences in the way we celebrate and that these differences make us special.



## Maths:

Numbers are all around us! We are working on recognising numerals that we see in our environment and are practising counting carefully. The aim for the end of EYFS is that children are confident recognising and working with numbers up to 20 (but beyond if they are ready of course.) You can help your child by playing lots of counting and number games and singing number songs where you practice counting back. You can easily make number snap cards and take photos of numbers you find. Bingo is also great fun for all the family to join in with so when thinking of Christmas stocking fillers think number games!



## Dates for the diary:

**Christmas Nativity:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

*We will send out roles and costume letters when they have been decided!*

**Visit to St Stephens Church:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am.

EYFS and KS1 visit to St Stephens Church for Christmas Service.

*We will need lots of parent helpers to walk with us for this service.*

*Please let us know if you can help.*

**EYFS Christmas Party/Non-Uniform Day:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

*The children are allowed to wear party clothes to school all day for this day and will be given a party lunch box for lunch from the school kitchen.*

**Christmas Holiday:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**INSET Day:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January