

Woodstone Community Primary School

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Wednesday 5th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to another busy term! We are starting the year off with a really exciting topic, 'Superheroes' and after half term we will be learning all about the continent of Africa with our 'Amazing Africa' topic. Have a look on the school website at 'Year 1 Curriculum Overviews' under the 'Classes' tab to see what we will be getting up to.

As part of our Superhero topic we will be holding a Superhero Day on Monday 7th February. More details to follow nearer the time but Year 1 children will be invited to come to school dressed as a superhero on this day.

As you are already aware we said goodbye to one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs O'Neill, who left just after October half term. This term we are welcoming our new Teaching Assistant, Chelsea Cain, who will be working in Year 1 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Cain has already spent some time getting to know the children and the classroom routines and is really looking forward to joining the team. We are also welcoming our student teacher, Jo Minness, into Year 1. Mrs Minness has spent the first part of her training in a Year 4 class at a local school and will be working with Year 1 here at Woodstone until just after February half term.

Diary dates

With a busy term ahead here are some important diary dates to make a note of:

- Monday 7th February – Year 1 Superhero Day
- Tuesday 8th February – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 10th February – Parents' Evening
- Friday 1st April – Year 1 Golden Book Assembly

Swimming and P.E.

This half term the children will be swimming on **Tuesday** afternoons. Please ensure they have their kit in school in a large bag which is big enough to fit their clothes, coat and shoes (this will really help them to keep their belongings together when we are getting changed). Earrings must be removed for swimming lessons and please ensure long hair is tied back. The children will also have indoor P.E. on Thursdays this half term so must have indoor kit (shorts, t-shirt and pumps) in school please. Again, please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed for P.E. lessons – we are unable to assist with removing earrings so please encourage your child to do this independently, or remove them before coming to school. Due to our swimming lessons there will be **no Forest School** sessions until after half term.

Phonics and Reading

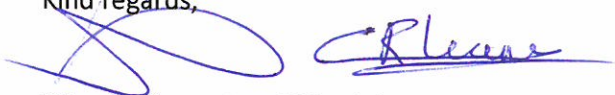
Please remember the children's phonics flashcards and 'tricky word' cards should be kept in their plastic folder in their book bag. Thank you for your continued support in practising these regularly with your child as well as reading at least 5 times per week and recording this in your child's reading diary.

Uniform

A gentle reminder that children should be in school uniform unless otherwise instructed. This includes 'proper' black school shoes and not trainers. It also includes bows in hair which should be small and discrete.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,



Miss G. Clement and Mrs C. Leaney

