



## January Newsletter 2014

### Curriculum and Progress



We have planned for this terms Parent/Teacher Consultations for Key Stage One and Two to take place Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 between 1pm and 7pm. The format for these meetings is changing very slightly this year to make the meeting highly focussed on your child's progress and targets. The aim of these sessions is to ensure parents and carers are very clear about their child's rate of progress and their next steps.

For the Foundation Stage (Class 1) we have planned a Learning Review Day on 20<sup>th</sup> January to discuss your child's learning and development. To request an appointment (Class 1 only) you must return the slip at the end of this newsletter by Thursday 16th January. Additionally, for Class 1, there is an informal coffee morning on 31<sup>st</sup> January between 9.00am and 10.45am to be held in the school hall. This is a 'drop in' style event where you can speak to Mrs Marsh, Mrs Barber or a Governor and take time to look at your child's Learning Journey. The event will be supported by the FRS who will sell refreshments.

### **Please note this important change to our dates:**

The ICT Internet Awareness Evening for Parents has been changed. The provider has re-booked our evening for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm-9.15pm. In case you missed the last newsletter; the workshop is to highlight all the internet dangers that face your child when they go on line. Refreshments will be on sale too.



### **Swimming Lessons**

For those of you who like to plan ahead, we will be offering two swimming lessons per week for all children from the week beginning May 6th. The children will need a one piece costume, towel and a swimming hat if their hair reaches their eyes. The children will receive at least 20 lessons by a fully qualified instructor and the parental contribution will be £36 per child for the whole term (£1.80 per lesson). Swimming contributions are payable by Friday 4th April and if you need further information on swimming or financial contributions there are policies on our website for you to browse. Please note that if your child attends our pre-school they will also be expected to swim twice weekly.

### **Rules about Earrings**

Parents and carers should be aware that any type of earring/piercing must be removed for PE lessons. This is a rule introduced by the Local Authority and fully adopted by the Governors via our own school policy. This means that your child must be fully capable of removing the earrings themselves if they have not been removed at home beforehand. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please **wait until the six week summer holiday** so that the earrings can remain in the ears during the healing process. Please note we do not take any responsibility for lost jewellery under any circumstances.

### **If Snow is Forecast**

Rettendon School has a very good record of staying open when it snows. We much prefer to make the most of the learning opportunities that the snow brings. To ensure your child can go outside in the snow, please ensure they are wearing a coat, hat, scarf and gloves to school. They must also have Wellington boots (named clearly if you want the same pair back!!). We also ask that you send in spare socks for your child (nothing worse than wet, cold feet). We also allow the children to play with their sledges at playtime/lunchtime and these should be parked in the 'pitstop' in the corner of the playground. Should the school ever be forced to close the announcement will be made initially via the school website so do check it before you set out on a long journey. We no longer rely on the local radio to make the announcement as there is too much of a time delay between the school's decision to close and the radio announcement.

A new dates list is attached and is on the website.



## RETURN SLIP FOR CLASS 1 ONLY

**Child's Name.....**

Please tick....

☐ I would like an appointment with Mrs Marsh and I have indicated my preferred time slots below.

☐ I do not wish to have an appointment with Mrs Marsh

My preferred time slots (tick at least two please).

1-3pm	3-5pm	5-7pm

Your appointment time will be noted in your child's home school link book.