



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH of ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

5th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you've had a restful half term and are raring to go for the busy term ahead!

This term the majority of the children will continue to change their own reading books, once they have been read. Please could you remember to write a short comment in your child's Reading Record book at least 3 times per week, so we know how your child is getting on with their reading at home. I will give your child a 'reading challenge' every other week which we will also be working on in school during our shared reading time and English lessons, it would be great if you could write a short comment detailing how they get on with their reading challenge.

Please could you ensure that book bags are brought to school every day, checked for letters each evening and any old letters removed please? Children are advised to use book bags as opposed to rucksacks, so that they can be stored in their draws.

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and collected in on a Tuesday. Thank you for your co-operation in marking your child's homework, this is greatly appreciated.

As the children are now in KS2, fruit is no longer provided at snack time. Therefore, the children can bring their own fruit/ vegetables for their break time snack. Children are also encouraged to bring their own water-bottles.

The children will continue learning and playing their recorders over the term, if your child does not have a recorder, they can be purchased from the school office.

PE this term will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and will be a 2 hour session involving team games and adventure activities. This will be led by Andrew Vince from North East Skills Training. PE kits should be left in school (on cloakroom pegs/ in lockers) and should contain a pair of trainers for outdoor lessons. If your child has long hair it would be very helpful for it to be tied back on PE days (Wednesday).

Thank you very much to all of the parent helpers who have done an amazing job listening to readers this term. Your continued support would be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! You can catch me at the end of the day or reach me on my email which is abby.mcgregor@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss McGregor