



4th November 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you've had a restful half term!

Today we have launched our **Childhood** topic with a visit to **Beamish** and have participated in a Victorian Lesson at Beamish Board School. Today's immersive experience will help us with our learning this term; investigating how childhood has changed from the 1800s to today. To help with our source analysis and chronology, I would be most grateful if parents could temporarily donate old school photos/toys/games from your own childhood.

The children's reading books will continue to be changed on a weekly basis. 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. Please could you ensure that book bags are brought to school every day, checked for letters each evening and any old letters removed please?

As the children are now in KS2, fruit is no longer provided at snack time. Please may I remind you that children can bring their own break time snack from home but they must be **fruit or vegetables**.

This term, PE will be taught on a **Tuesday morning**. PE kits should be left in school (on pegs) and should contain a pair of well-fitting plimsolls/trainers for outdoor lessons. It would be very helpful if any child with long hair could have their hair tied up in a ponytail on this day too.

Homework stickers will continue to be given out every **Thursday** so that the children can complete this and hand them back in on the following **Tuesday**. We would be grateful if parents could mark their child's work and return it to school every Tuesday. This gives me an opportunity to look at each child's book on a Tuesday evening and set appropriate tasks for the following week.

Children will continue to learn and play recorder over the term. If your child does not have a recorder, they can be purchased from the school office.

As it is almost the festive season, I would like to note that our **KS2 Christmas Nativities** will take place on **Monday 16th December at 1.30** and again on **Tuesday 17th December at 6.30**. Costume requests will be sent out later this month.

Thank you very much to all the parent helpers who have listened to readers or joined us on school trips. 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 after children have been dismissed, or reach me on my email which is megan.nattress@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Nattress