

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the lovely festive break! We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing winter holiday. It is undoubtedly going to be another busy and interesting term as we are exploring our new enquiry: 'Temples, Tombs and Treasure.' We will be exploring life during the Egyptian civilisation, thinking about the children's wonderings:

- What were the traditions of Ancient Egypt?
- How did the ancient Egyptians live?
- Who discovered the pyramids?
- What were tombs?
- Where is the River Nile and why was it so important?
- Who were the Pharaohs, Cleopatra and Tutankhamen?
- What was mummification?

As well as this, we are planning to go on a school trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to explore the Ancient Egyptian exhibit and to take part in an Egypt Detectives workshop led by the education team. Details, including payments, have already been sent out before Christmas and the sign up deadline for trip is Friday 19th January. With regret, this trip cannot go ahead unless payment has been made by this deadline as the Museum workshop requires pre-payment. We will need some volunteers to help on the trip so please make your child's class teacher aware if you are available and we will confirm with you after the closing deadline.

Spring Term Dates for the diary:

3rd Jan: Back to school

19th January 2017 - Final date for trip payment

6th February- Safer Internet Day

9th February - Half term- break up at 3:00pm

19th February - Back to school!

20th February - Miss Rainford and Mr Newton's class - Ashmolean Museum trip

21st February - Mrs Hogan/Mrs Morgan's class - Ashmolean Museum Trip

27th February - Y4 performance 2:00pm and 6:00pm

17th March- Family learning event

27th March - Parents' evening 3:15-6:00pm

28th March - Parents' evening 3:15-6:00pm

29th March - Break up for Easter holidays 1:30pm

Just a few reminders:

- Please ensure that your child always brings a **water bottle** to school.
- Please also ensure that children remember to keep their correct **PE kit**; house colour T-shirt, dark shorts (summer and indoor) and tracksuit bottoms (winter outdoor), socks, trainers or daps in school for the whole week. As well as this a jumper, coat and trainers are advised for the colder winter months as we will be going out to do P.E come rain or shine! Children wishing to be excused from PE will need a note from home.
- Please encourage your child to read as much as possible whether it be a story, non-fiction text or a magazine! We will be looking in the home school contact books regularly so please can children bring them in on a daily basis.

Homework will be set termly and will be shared and celebrated in class at the end of each term. In year 4, we have high expectations of children with regards to homework and we ask that every child completes their chosen task in full and to the highest standards expected in class.

We have an open door policy at Red Oaks, so please come and see us if you have any questions, concerns or children's celebrations! We will be available briefly in the mornings at the door or if a longer session is needed we can arrange a mutually convenient time afterschool. As always, please also use the email contacts on the school website and newsletters as another way of getting in touch should you need to.

We would like to finish by saying a huge thank you on behalf of us all in the Year 4 team for your very thoughtful Christmas wishes, cards and gifts. Here's to an exciting first term of the New Year!

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Hogan, Mrs Morgan, Mr Newton and Miss Rainford.