

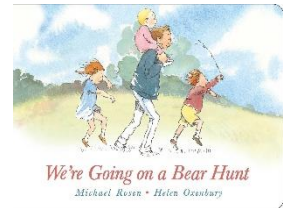
September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year and if you are new to the school, welcome to Denton and Maple class! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. The children have really enjoyed their first few days and have been enthusiastically telling us about their summer holiday adventures.

In Maple class this year, I will be the class teacher and Ms Malone and Mrs Holmes will be our teaching assistants. Miss Minney and Mrs Law will also be working in the classroom as 1:1 support. Mrs Freeman has kindly volunteered to come in everyday and help out in our class, for which we are very grateful.

Our topic for this term is based on the well-known children's book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. The children will be learning the story off by heart and hopefully they will be able to retell it to you at home. The children will learn about families as well as finding out about different types of bears. There will be lots of art work and problem solving opportunities. Reception children will be starting phonics sessions to learn sounds, enabling them to read and write and nursery will have phonics sessions focussing on listening to and distinguishing between sounds. All children will be taking part in daily maths activities.



This term is a very busy term with lots of exciting activities. The whole school will be visiting Yardley Hastings School as part of Federation Day. We will also be celebrating 'Languages Day' and 'No Pens Wednesday' as well as holding our Harvest Festival. In our class, we will be celebrating 'Grandparent's Day' and we will also be continuing with 'Book and Biscuit' sessions.

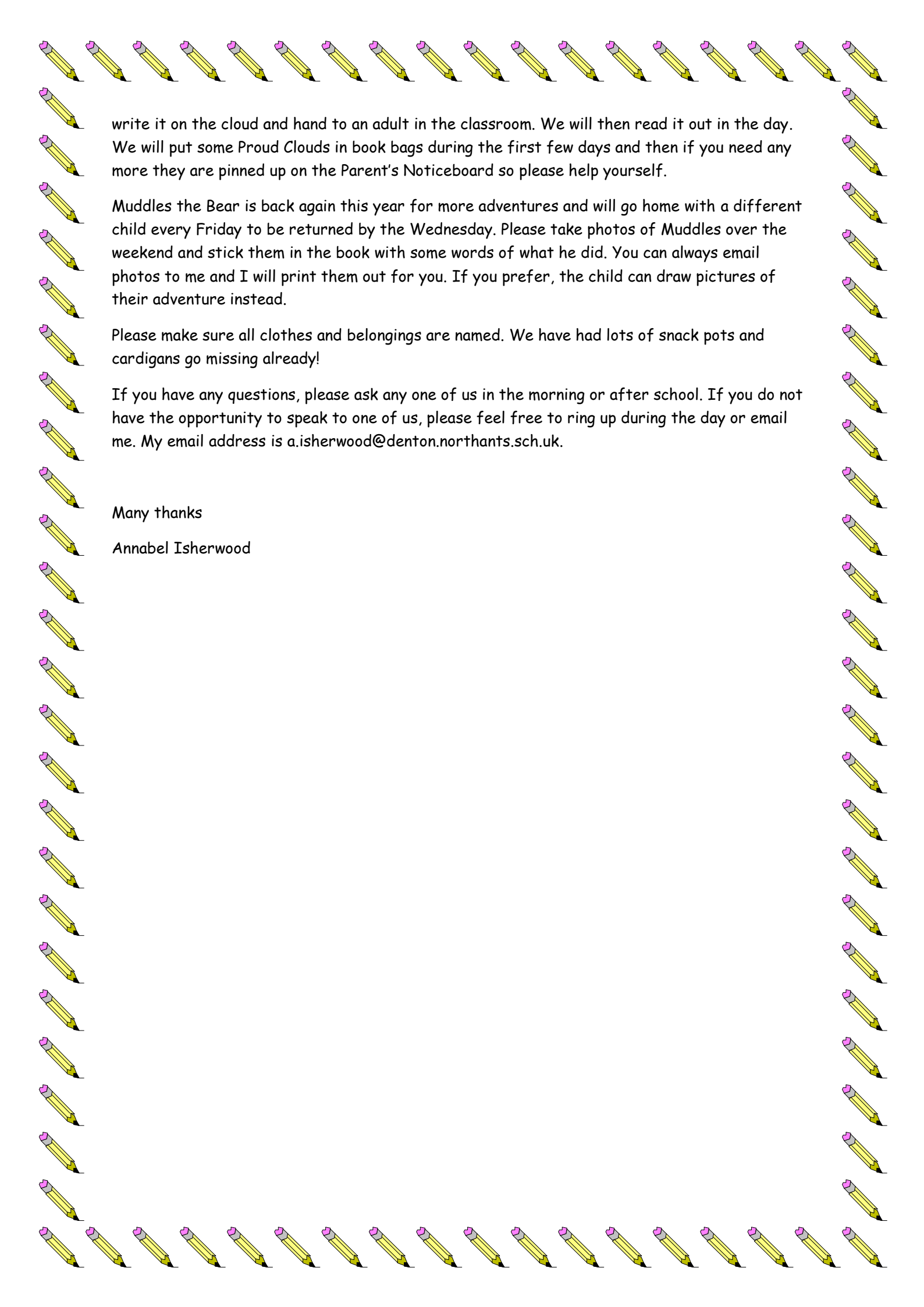
P.E. will be on a Tuesday afternoon for both Reception and Nursery children. Reception must have a P.E. kit. Nursery children do not need a P.E. kit, although they do like to have one.

All children will be given reading books. Reception will have their reading books changed on a Monday and Thursday. All reception start with a picture book and progress on to words when we think they are ready. Please do not worry if your child does not have a book with words, they all progress at different rates! Nursery will be given a quality picture book to share with you and book change days will be dependent on the child. Please write a comment in reading records when you have read with your child.

Reception homework will be given on a Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. The activity will be focused on something that the children have learnt in the week and will not be a long task. Nursery children will continue to have optional homework as so many children enjoyed completing it last year. The handout and due in day will be dependent on the child. If your child is too tired, they do not need to do the homework.

Show and tell will be on a rota. Those children in the red house will have show and tell on Monday, the green house will be on a Tuesday, yellow house will be on a Wednesday and Thursday will be for children in the blue house. Nursery children will also have a rota which will be sent out separately.

We will be continuing with Proud Clouds as the children really enjoyed this last year. When your child has done something good, for example, made their bed, put their head under water, please



write it on the cloud and hand to an adult in the classroom. We will then read it out in the day. We will put some Proud Clouds in book bags during the first few days and then if you need any more they are pinned up on the Parent's Noticeboard so please help yourself.

Muddles the Bear is back again this year for more adventures and will go home with a different child every Friday to be returned by the Wednesday. Please take photos of Muddles over the weekend and stick them in the book with some words of what he did. You can always email photos to me and I will print them out for you. If you prefer, the child can draw pictures of their adventure instead.

Please make sure all clothes and belongings are named. We have had lots of snack pots and cardigans go missing already!

If you have any questions, please ask any one of us in the morning or after school. If you do not have the opportunity to speak to one of us, please feel free to ring up during the day or email me. My email address is [a.isherwood@denton.northants.sch.uk](mailto:a.isherwood@denton.northants.sch.uk).

Many thanks

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