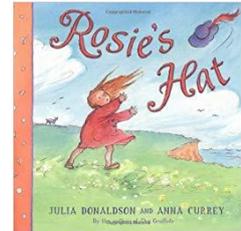


November 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term. The children are all excited to be back and are looking forward to the coming term. This is quite a long term, so we are going to be very busy!

Our topic for this term is based on the book 'Rosie's Hat' by Julia Donaldson and Anna Currey. 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 be learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We are going to start with the fire brigade as it links to the book and then we will move on to nurses, doctors, paramedics, police and vets amongst other things. The role play will change to reflect these different occupations. We hope to invite visitors in to talk to the children about these different occupations. If you know anyone who would be happy to come in, please let us know. As part of the topic, there will be lots of art work and problem solving opportunities.



Phonics and maths will continue daily. Reception will consolidate phase 2 sounds before moving onto phase 3. Nursery will have phonics sessions focussing on listening to different sounds and distinguishing between them. They will also start to identify initial sounds. All children will be taking part in daily maths activities. This term, maths activities will focus on numbers to 10 and capacity, length, height and weight.

This term is a very busy term with lots of exciting activities. Soon, we will start rehearsing for the Christmas Nativity and there will also be Christmas Art Day. Reception children will also be going to the pantomime.

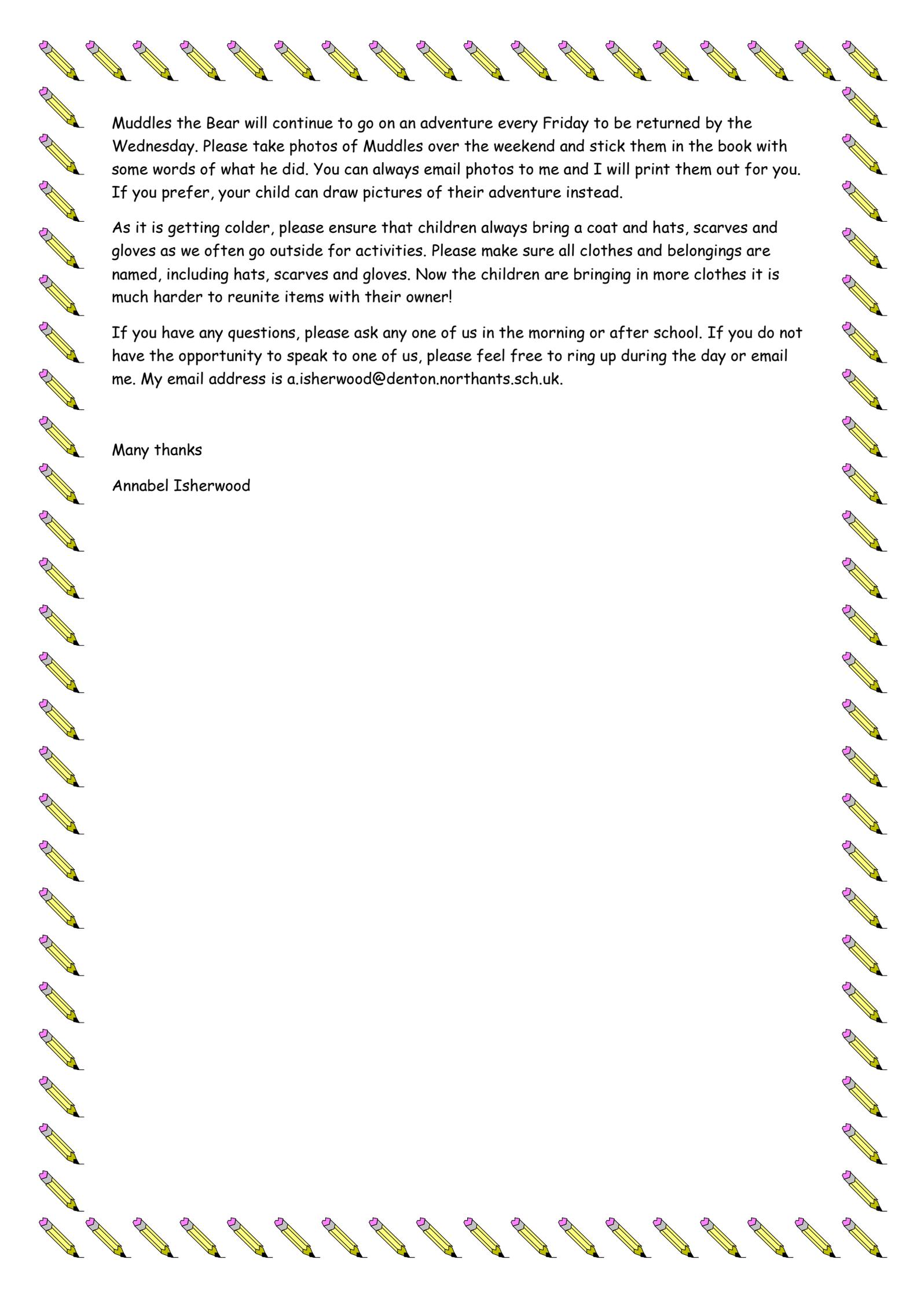
P.E. will be on a Tuesday afternoon for both Reception and Nursery children. Reception must have a P.E. kit. Nursery children do not need a P.E. kit, although they do like to have one.

All children will continue to get reading books. Reception will have their reading books changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please write in the reading records every time your child has read. Our reading challenge for reception has now started. Children who read 4 times a week, will be given a token. At the end of term, there will be a prize for children with 5 or more tokens. Nursery will continue to have a quality picture book to share with you.

Reception homework will continue to be given on a Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. Nursery children will continue to have optional homework. The hand out 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 can bring in a show and tell item throughout the week.

Proud clouds will also be continuing this term. Please fill one in when your child has done something good. Please write it on the cloud and hand to an adult in the classroom. We will then read it out during the day. If you need any proud clouds they are pinned up on the Parent's Noticeboard so please help yourself.



Muddles the Bear will continue to go on an adventure 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, your child can draw pictures of their adventure instead.

As it is getting colder, please ensure that children always bring a coat and hats, scarves and gloves as we often go outside for activities. Please make sure all clothes and belongings are named, including hats, scarves and gloves. Now the children are bringing in more clothes it is much harder to reunite items with their owner!

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.

Many thanks

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