**Class Plym**

Welcome back! I hope that you have all have had a wonderful half term and enjoyed quality family time. ☺

Parents Evening

I understand that many of you have had difficulty booking parents evening. This issue should now be resolved and you should successfully be able to book an appointment. Foundation Stage children will have their parents evening on Wednesday 2nd March and the Year 1’s is on Thursday 3rd of March. Please do not book your child on the wrong day. May I take this opportunity to express the benefits of attending parent’s evening; working in close partnership allows us to fully understand your child’s developmental stage in their learning and identify next steps to move them on quickly. We can celebrate successes, interests and concerns to ensure that your child is developing a love of learning through both home and school. Parents evening will give you time to look at your child’s learning journey (FS) or English and Math books (Yr1) and see how far they have come since September.

Homework

Foundation Stage and Year 1: This half term we will be continuing to look at life under the sea. We would like both year 1 and Foundation Stage to choose and research a sea creature. Following this, they will need to find a way to present their findings to the class, for example a picture, a fact file or a model.

Joint homework due on the 9/03/16

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Yr1- will be continuing with their spelling homework of common exception words which was given earlier this term. If your child needs another list, they are kept in the classroom. In addition to this they will have Mathematics homework set by Mrs Champion. Both pieces of homework must be returned on or before Thursday of each academic week.

**Reading**

All children are expected to read 5 times a week at home. Reading is essential to your child’s learning in all aspects of the curriculum. It is a life-long skill which provides confidence, imagination and adventure. If you are unsure of how to read with your child or would like some support with sound recognition, segmenting and blending, please arrange a meeting with me. I am more than happy to talk through our teaching strategies and provide guidance/resources. We aim to read with each child at least once a week and change their book. However, if their book needs changing more frequently, please come in or tell us on the gate and will do our best to change it within the school day.

Forest School and PE Kits

Every Wednesday we attend Forest School, please ensure your child has a coat and wellington boots in school. Thursday is PE day, please make sure your child has their PE kit kept in school.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for your continual support at home- I am very proud of the children’s progress in all areas since September and I am sure it has made a significant difference. I would like to express once more that my door is always open. Please feel welcome; whether it is to discuss a concern, ask a question or look at your child’s learning journey.

Kind regards

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