

# Goodrich Church of England (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Guardians

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely break. I thought I would just remind you of a few things that you will need to know about.

Firstly, our topic for this half term will be 'Frozen Planet'. I have attached an overview of the work that we plan to cover. 'Show and Tell' will continue and the children should bring in items linked to our new topic.

This term, we will be making igloos out of 'junk', so if you have any junk (e.g. empty egg boxes, food boxes, kitchen rolls e.t.c.) then please do send it into school with your child.

Your child will receive free fruit at morning/afternoon break but the children are allowed to bring in their own snack. As a 'Healthy School' we ask that this is a healthy snack and please can you make sure that your child's snack is clearly named in order to avoid confusion. During the day, your child will have access to water and so they will not need to bring in their own drink. They can bring in a drink for lunchtime and this should be kept on the trolley in the cloakroom. If your child is having a packed lunch, then this should also be placed on the trolley.

Please ensure that there is a full PE kit in school at all times. This should include both trainers or daps for indoors/outdoors P.E. Our PE sessions are every Wednesday and Thursday.

Forest School is on a Wednesday (alternate weeks). This term, year 1 and Reception will be doing forest school separately. Attached is a timetable to show when each year group is at Forest School. Children can wear forest school clothes to school. However, we still want to be able to go outdoors for learning at any time during the week so please ensure that your child has a full set of waterproofs in school every day unless we have agreed that your child will use a school set of waterproofs. If you haven't got a set of waterproofs to leave in school then please do come and see me so we can make sure that a school set is available. Outdoor clothes should be left in a clearly named bag and placed in our class' Forest School box. Forest School kit should include;

- Waterproof clothing - this can be separate bottoms and top or an all in one.
- Long sleeved top
- Wellies
- Warm socks
- Hat and gloves
- A set of old clothes for very wet days



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Phonics homework and sets of word cards will continue to be sent home on a Friday and should be returned the following week. During this term, when we feel your child is ready, Reception children will begin to bring home reading books where they will use their bank of sounds and words to develop their reading. They will also continue to bring home shared reading books where you can read stories to your child and talk about them at home. **Please feel free to make comments in your child's reading record** and let us know how they are getting on at home.

Finally, please remember to clearly label all of your child's belongings.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do come in and see me.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams

