



# Canada Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2017

**\* Class Assembly Friday - 29.9.17 - 9.00am \***

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday and are all ready for the new term in Canada class. Our topic this term is 'Toys and Games' and 'Celebrations' please find attached the overview of some of the areas we will be covering this term.

I have also listed some dates for your diaries below. I will update you throughout the term of additional dates and activities as they arise. If you would like to discuss anything with me do not hesitate to come in and have a chat with me, the best time is usually at the end of the day, unless it is urgent, or you can ring the school to book an appointment.

For your information on a Wednesday from 11.45 Miss Dunstall will be teaching the class as I am on my PPA (non-contact time) so she will be dismissing the class that day.

I look forward to teaching Canada class this year and meeting you all at the 'Meet the teacher' evening.

### **DATES:**

Sat 23rd Sept –Pulborough Harvest Fayre - 12 am to 5 pm (Glebe Field)

Mon 25th September - Clubs begin

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> September – School photos

Thurs 28th Sept 2017 at 7pm 'Meet the teacher'

Thurs 28th Sept – Harvest Eucharist 9.00 to 9.45 am

Half term – W/C Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**P.E** will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. For Health and Safety anyone with pierced ears must take their earrings out for P.E lessons. If this is not possible please supply tape so they can cover them during P.E lessons. Girls with long hair will also need their hair tied back. I would be grateful if you could ensure that all children's clothing (coats, PE kits, jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts etc) are clearly named as it can be very difficult tracking down belongings when they go missing if they are not named. Many thanks!

Please also supply your child with a named water bottle that they can have in the classroom during the day.

**Forest schools** will be starting on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> October and will run until the 28<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. Our session will be in the afternoon. It will restart in the Spring term. The children can come to school in their Forest Schools clothes. Please make sure they have warm clothes, waterproof coats and wellies. I will discuss further details with you nearer the time.

### Homework

Reading regularly at home and helping your child learn their phonics is invaluable and makes a huge difference to them at school. It would be helpful if you could find the time to read with your child every day or at least three times a week for 10 – 15 minutes and write in their reading log as often as possible. Books may be changed as often as required so do pop in to change them in the morning or after school, but it is important to realise that racing through the reading scheme too quickly is also not beneficial. Do come in first thing in the morning and after to school to change your child's books. If you would like any advice about reading please come and see me.

This year we will be learning to do cursive writing; so this term I will be sending home letter formation activities to reinforce our handwriting lessons. Please spend some time practising with your child ensuring each letter starts on the line.

### Spellings

After half term I will give out spellings on a Wednesday or a Thursday to be tested the following Wednesday. These will be put into small orange spelling books. The test will be done at the back of their books so please remember to bring them in on a Wednesday. Please encourage your child to practice their spellings every day. The best way to learn spellings is to write them down using a look, cover, say, write, check method. Do call in for a chat if you would like some help or if you feel spellings are too easy or too hard.