



STRETHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Ladybird Class Parents/Carers,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back to the start of a new term in Ladybird Class.

We shall launch straight into our topic for this half term of 'The Chinese New Year'.

This term on Thursday mornings, Ladybird Class will be taught by Mrs Rebecca Bowen.

Your child has access to change their reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Can I ask you to send all reading books back to school as a book here and there all mount up and are costly to replace. We would like to ask you to support us with showing children how to respect their reading books by not drawing or ripping them. Please let me know how your child is progressing with their reading at home. I really value the comments you make in the blue reading record books. It is important that you read with your child to improve and embed their early reading skills.

Our **PE sessions** will take place on **Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings**. Please could you ensure that all items are named. We shall send the PE kit home if it needs washing otherwise they should be washed every half term. Please ensure that if your child has long hair it is tied up on this day and that **no jewellery** is worn. If your child does wear earrings please could you ensure that they are **removed** on these days and on a Friday for our Forest Schooling sessions.

Our Forest Schooling visits will continue every Friday morning. We would like your child to come fully dressed and ready to enter the Explorers Area. To enable the children in Ladybird Class to enjoy this extra time in the Explorers Area we would like you to...

1. Ensure your child has been to the toilet before leaving for school.
2. Your child is dressed ready to go. NB they need to be WEARING THEIR BOOTS and their school shoes in their large bag.
3. Your child's BOOTS NEED TO BE CLEAN so they can enter the school building to put their large bag in their changing place.
4. Your child already has their hat, scarf, gloves on or in their pocket/hood. NOT in their BOOK BAG!
5. No jewellery is worn and If your child does wear earrings please could you ensure they are removed on this day.

Please remind your child to collect their boots from our class boot rack at the end of the school day on a Thursday so they can be cleaned and ready to wear on the Friday. Of course if your child has two pairs of boots and you wish not to collect their school pair that is also fine.

Please remember to dress your children **appropriately for this learning**. For example layering their clothing with a waterproof coat (**which must be a different one from their school coat!**) and trousers or an all-in-one so if your child becomes warm they can remove a layer from under the waterproof layering. The weather is likely to be cold this term and, at times, wet! If you would like to join us for one of these mornings please could you sign up on the sheet left out at the beginning and end of the day over the next week. Thank you!

Please could I take this opportunity to remind you to look at the school website and Seesaw on the Ladybird Class Page. I will keep you updated of any information regarding each week in Ladybird Class.

- Ladybird Class Family lunch Thursday 25th January
- Our Class assembly will take place on Friday 9th February (at about 14:30ish)
- Parental Consultations will take place on 13th and 15th February

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you that your children need to bring a coat to school every day even when the weather begins to get warmer! Would you also ensure that **all** your children's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled. If you do find that your child has brought home another child's items of clothing etc by mistake please make sure that they are returned as we do our best to ensure that each child doesn't lose items of clothing etc.

If your child is off school for any reason, please phone or email the office early on the day.

Please do feel welcome to see me after school for a brief chat, or to arrange a phone call if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Johnson

