



# RECTORY FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Well, the first term of the year has certainly started with a bang and has been packed full of exciting opportunities and events!

As you will have seen, we now have a fabulous play area for use by school children, during school time. As mentioned previously, we unfortunately cannot allow any child to use this equipment out of school hours due to health and safety and insurance reasons. Thank you for your understanding.

Last week, we received the exciting news that we were one of three schools who had been nominated for 'Northampton Sports School of the Year'. Although we weren't the winning team, we were delighted to have been nominated and our grateful thanks goes to Mrs Stone and Mrs Johnson for their expertise, enthusiasm and commitment to sport at Rectory Farm.

Please see below, some diary dates for the end of this week and the start of next term.

## Half Term Holidays

School closes for the half term break at 3.15pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** is a teacher training day so school will start back on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Thank you

## Autumn Fayre

We will be holding an Autumn Fayre on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-5.00**. Stalls will be based on an autumn theme, so again please come along to support the school. Now that we have our new play area, our next goal is to further develop the playground. The School Council will be discussing ideas which we will share with our community shortly.

## Remembrance Assembly

Sycamore Class (Y6) will be leading our Remembrance Assembly on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, this will start at 10.40am. At 11am we will be holding a 2 minutes silence and we would be delighted to see as many parents and carers as possible at this traditional event.

## Open Classroom for Willow Class (Y5)

All parents and carers of Y5 children are invited to observe their child in an English lesson on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. Previously, parents and carers have found this to be an interesting opportunity to see their child learning and to gain an understanding of the high expectations and standards we have of them. If you are able to come along, please arrive at the main entrance at 9am. We hope to see you there!

### **Children in Need**

Again, we will be taking part in the BBC's Children in Need to raise money for disadvantaged children and young people all over the country. On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be asking children to come to school dressed in sports clothing of their favourite sporting event/activity e.g. tennis player, rugby player, golfer, netballer... the list is endless! More information about other events for the day will follow after half term.

### **Child minder recommendations**

We are occasionally asked to recommend local child minders to support with after-school care. If you know of anyone who you would recommend, please let the school office know. Thank you.

### **For the Love of Reading**

As a community, we are really working hard to ensure our children are reading every day. As part of our Home School Agreement, we have all signed up to read at home with our children regularly. Here at school, Mrs Clarke (SENCO) has arranged for a Reading Dog to come in. We are delighted that Chippy has been working with a number of children across school to encourage positive reading habits.

We thought it would be a lovely idea if all our children enjoyed the experience of reading to an animal. So, as part of our Holiday Home Learning, we would like the children to read to a pet and get a 'selfie' that is then sent into school. As part of this celebration, we would like to create a display in the school library of all our budding 'pet readers'.

Please send your 'selfie' to: [enquiries@rfps.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rfps.org.uk) - Happy Reading

Thank you to you all for your continued support this term. I wish you a happy and relaxing half term with your wonderful children. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Warm regards

**Mrs Sarah Heslop**  
**Headteacher**