



DIARY DATES

- **HALF TERM WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**
- **FS2 PARENT CONSULTATIONS 15TH MARCH, 4-7PM AND 16TH MARCH 1.30-3.30PM**
- **FS1 STAY AND PLAY 11TH MARCH 9-11AM AND 12.30-2.30PM**

OTHER INFORMATION

- **WE ASK FOR A CONTRIBUTION OF £2 PER TERM PER CHILD TO COVER THE COST OF ITEMS SUCH AS COOKING INGREDIENTS. PLEASE BRING THIS IN ASAP IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT.**
- **P.E IS EVERY MONDAY. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD ALWAYS HAS THE CORRECT NAMED KIT IN SCHOOL.**
- **READING BOOKS ARE CHANGED ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS**
- **LIBRARY BOOKS ARE CHANGED EVERY THURSDAY.**
- **ALL FS1 CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A BAG OF SPARE CLOTHES IN SCHOOL.**

WELCOME TO BLESSED ROBERT WIDMERPOOL FOUNDATION STAGE!

What a wonderful start to the new year—with visits from the Big Window Theatre Company and also, for FS2, the Ten Ten Theatre. Both were fantastic opportunities for the children to see actors at close quarters and to enjoy storytelling.

The School Over-Arching Theme is still,
The Year to Create

Our topic this term is:

CELEBRATING

Who we are, who we live and play with,
where we come from, what we can do
and how we will change.



We will be basing our work on many of the different countries our children and their families know so well, travelling around the world from England (with a local walk to the library), moving on to the Philippines (making creations to respond to the Sinuolog Festival) and then onto China to celebrate Chinese New Year (creating Chinese writing, kites, monkeys and dragons) - all this before half-term!



As always, our Come and See topics will be woven tightly into every area of learning—as they learn to recognise the stories of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple, Jesus with the children and, of course, Good Friday and Easter Sunday as religious stories they know and love. They will also find out more about how the Parish gathers in the church to celebrate together.

After half-term, we visit Poland (thinking about how they gather together), Africa (finding out about several different countries within this Continent and creating an information book), and completing our tour in India (to create some poetry).

PARENTS—we would love your help: If you are willing to tell us a little about life in another country or can lend us any resources or are able to come and talk to the children for a short time, please let Miss Chapman or Miss Wood know—it will make the learning so much more real for all the children.

FOREST SCHOOL will be continuing this term for all the FS2 children and the oldest FS1 children—dates for your child's visits will be given to you very soon. Last term we had a wonderful time: map making, using spotter sheets and acting out the story of We're Going on a Bear Hunt. It will be colder for the next few sessions, so please make sure the children have warm hats, scarves, gloves and extra socks. I have planned particularly energetic sessions starting off with lots of active games involving sticks!



REMINDERS

Names: Please check that your child's clothes are named. We gained **10** unnamed jumpers or cardigans last term.

Shoes: All children should be wearing shoes in school—no boots are allowed. They are very uncomfortable for children to wear when sitting cross-legged on the carpet.



Children learning whilst having fun.....



We will continue to keep you informed by sending out weekly updates, but please also use the school blog: <http://brwacademy.com> to share and celebrate the children's work.

Please come and talk to us about any questions you may have.

We look forward to our celebrations this term!