Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you had an enjoyable break with your children and that they are well rested and refreshed after an 8-week term and ready for this term! I hope that you are all able to see what we have been doing from the posts on Class Dojo and are able to follow up things at home.

Theme:
Our theme for Term 2 is "Celebrations" and will include "mini" themes such as Road Safety, Oral Health and Healthy Eating.

Books:

We will continue to help children choose a book to share with you at home. In addition, over the next few weeks, we will be sending home "phonic-based" reading activities, such sound blending books which will be closely matched to your child's current stage in learning phonics. More details to follow on this. Please see Class Dojo for the sounds we are learning or reviewing each week. It is also perfectly acceptable to share/read a book from home in between changing books at school! Don't forget that you can borrow books from Bury Knowle library too! Please record your comments in the yellow reading record book. Thank you!

Library : Last term Mrs Magill our school librarian was visiting the children in the classroom to read stories. This term the children will be visiting the school library in small groups to learn about how the library works and share stories. We are extremely lucky to have such a fantastic resource in our school – a library with a librarian- and I hope that you and your child will look forward to being able to borrow books from the school library from January.

Autumn Weather:
Please ensure children have suitable clothing in school for the weather, especially a warm, waterproof coat! Wellies can be left at school under your child's peg, but we do have some spares for children to borrow. If your child wears wellies to school please remember to bring other shoes to change into and wear indoors, especially on very wet or snowy days!

All items of clothing **must** be **clearly named** – Thank you.

Volunteers:
We are very lucky to have some volunteers who come to help us in Reception. You may have heard your children talking about them!
Mrs Baker (a former staff member) comes to sing with the children every Thursday, Mrs Smith, Mrs James (former staff members) and Aarti Basnyat (a school governor) all come to share stories and do reading with children at different points in the week.

Reminders:

Drop off & Collection	Toys	Playground
Morning drop off is 8.45, Afternoon collection is 3.15 (different to the rest of the school). Please wait to the right of the blue gate.	*Toys should not be brought into school. Children can be very upset if toys from home get lost or damaged.*	*Climbing Frame - The climbing frame and equipment **should not** be used before or after school.* *Bikes, Scooters – All bikes and scooters etc **should not** be ridden across the playground for the safety of everyone. Please walk with scooters and bikes – thank you*

Absence	Medical Appointments	Unwell children?
If your child is not attending school for any reason, please phone St Andrew's office in the morning and they will update the online register. *01865 762396*	*Please try to make appointments outside the school day if possible – Thank you!*	*If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, please keep them away from school until they have been free from symptoms for 48 hours. (EYFS Guidelines)*

Thank you for your co-operation in all of these matters.

Dates :

Date	Event
Friday 4th November	Festival of Faith
Friday 13th November	Individual school photos
Thursday 19th November	Visit from Fire Service
Friday 20th November	Children in Need day for St Andrew's (to avoid clash with photos!)
Thursday 26th November	Parent book look (8.40 – 9.00) Not Reception Yr 1-6 only Non-uniform day for a tombola item for the Christmas Fair
Friday 27th November	INSET day, school closed to children
Friday 4th December	SASA Christmas Fair (3.20 – 5.30pm)
Tuesday 9th December	Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church
Friday 11th Dec	Reception /class Nativity – pm – time tbc
Tuesday 15th December	Years R, 1 & 2 to Pegasus theatre for Christmas performance
Wednesday 16th December	Years R, 1 & 2 Christmas dinner day (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 bring packed lunch)
Thursday 17th December	Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas dinner day (Years R, 1 & 2 bring packed lunch)
Friday 18th December	End of term - School finishes at 1.15 for Reception

And Finally...

We look forward to the rest the term, and especially our Christmas celebrations. Please let me know of anything else your family may be celebrating, especially things happening early in December! Dates of all our events this term will be posted onto Class Dojo for your attention. As always, do please talk to us if you have any concerns; you can message me privately on Class Dojo messages.

Yours sincerely,

Annie Arnold – Reception Class Teacher