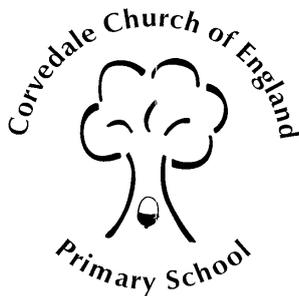


Corvedale CE Primary School, Diddlebury, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9DH



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a very good summer holiday. I am pleased to welcome our new reception children. We look forward to their company and hope they have an enjoyable and memorable time with us.

This newsletter is to give you some information about some of the topics your child will be studying this Autumn Term and also inform you of some of our class room procedures.

Our main class topic this term is Superheroes. It is a creative curriculum topic that provides opportunities for links to all areas of learning and has already been inspiring creative ideas from the children. Attached to this letter is a brief overview of the things that we will be covering over the term. However to begin with this term we will be focusing on 'All About Me'. This links to the superhero topic and explores themes such as feelings, why I am special, likes and dislikes and how we are different.

We will also be carrying on our popular Forest School sessions, linking where possible to our main theme. Following on from the very successful sessions we had last year with Mrs Bury the Year 1 children will again be going to Millichope weekly until half term. The Reception children will have weekly Forest school sessions on the school site. These sessions will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and as many of you have already found out, be prepared for your child to come home messy on those afternoons.

If you haven't heard already you will quickly learn that Wednesdays at Corvedale are Wonderful! On Wonderful Wednesdays' we start the day with the fabulous whole school 'Wake Up, Sing up' sessions with Mr Bennett and the afternoon with team building House activities. Both these activities have proved to be very popular and have had a very positive impact on school life.

Children will need their P.E. kits on Fridays for their PE session with Jack but may also need it during the week for any extra PE sessions this term. It is best if you could leave their P.E. kits in school during the week or even for the half term as they do not really get that dirty and this helps if the timetable changes. It is also a tremendous help if all articles in their kit are clearly labelled with their name including

their trainers. We will be doing some P.E. sessions outside this half term so please make sure your child has some trainers that fit them as these are better for outside PE. In addition could you please ensure that your child brings in a coat and jumper every day as we will be trying to go outside as much as possible.

Please could your child bring in their reading bags every day so their reading can be recorded and books changed. The strong routine and your support has a significant impact on reading progress. In the reading book bags the children will have their own reading book to share with you and another they would like you to read to them. Additionally over time as the Year 1 children become ready they will be put on the Accelerated Reading programme. This programme was exceedingly popular with the children last year and significantly impacted on their reading progress. When your child enters the programme you will be given all the information you need but please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information. .

In addition to reading bags the Year 1 children will also have a spelling and homework book which will be sent out on Tuesday to be brought back on Monday (ready for the spelling test!) All the class will eventually have Letters and Sounds practise books sent out and collected on Thursdays. There is a Letters and Sounds information evening on Wednesday 20th September at 6pm for all the new Reception parents (Year 1 parents are also welcome if they would like to refresh their understanding).

We would like to encourage the children to drink water during the day as it has a positive effect on concentration. If possible, could you please send your child in with a water bottle with their name clearly marked on it? This can be taken home in the evening to be cleaned and refreshed.

We will do a short 'Show and Tell' on a Friday when your child can bring in a special item (not just a toy) or tell us something important that has happened in their life that week.

A very big thank you to all the parents and local volunteers to come into the classroom and help out; it is invaluable. From fantastic high quality music and singing sessions, listening to readers, help with Forest School and general classroom jobs all last year's help was very much appreciated. Everyone is very welcome and we can always use an extra pair of hands, so if you have any time to spare we would be very pleased to welcome you, the children love the interactions and it enhances their learning and social skills. In addition, if you feel you have a particular skill or interest you would like to share with the class or you feel would be beneficial, please do not hesitate to pop in, call or send a note in with you child about your ideas.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and I hope you find it useful. If you have any suggestions, queries or questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Susan Rook