

LILAC CLASS

Weekly Newsletter

Lilac Class
St Anne's Royton
Autumn Term 2
Week 1
09/11/18

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term! We have started our new topic this week, focusing on the events of The Gunpowder Plot. It has been great to see how involved the children are with this topic and they appear to be enjoying it. We will be using the Gunpowder Plot to help us over the next few weeks in both English and Topic. We will be completing informal letters between the conspirators in the upcoming weeks.

Spelling Tests:

Spelling tests will now be completed in your child's homework book. This will allow you to see how your child is progressing and enable you to give further support at home. Please check your child's spellings weekly and help them with any they may be getting incorrect. To enable this to be successful, your child's homework book must be in school on the correct day. **This term we will be completing our test on a Wednesday in our homework books.**

PE

Children should wear **sensible** socks and shoes - **not "fashion footwear" or trainers**. Children can wear small stud earrings which must be removed for PE and swimming for health and safety reasons. No other jewellery is allowed.

P.E. Kit: Red polo shirt, Black shorts/skirt, Black pumps.

Key Stage 2 only. Swimming kit:

Boys: Trunks or swimshorts (*shorts must be lined and be no longer than mid-thigh*)

Girls: 1 piece costume (*close fitting leotards and footless tights may also be worn where normal swimwear is not appropriate for religious/cultural reasons*)

Further swimming guidelines are given to parents before lessons commence.

A pump bag bearing the school logo can be purchased from the School Trends website.

Please remember to label every item of your child's clothing.

Black pumps must be worn for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE. Trainers are not to be bright and fashionable ones.

Year 5 children will be participating in Swimming lessons throughout the year. These will take place on a **Friday** Afternoon and the children will need a full swimming kit for this.

Year 4 children will be working with Sports Development in the new term, this will be on a **Friday** afternoon so full PE kits should be in school for this day.

Homework

Maths Homework is a line graph sheet, this is to continue working on Line Graphs which we started in class this week.

English Homework is to complete the missing punctuation sheet. If the children need any help, they should ask myself or Miss Corrigan.

Spelling test is on Wednesday 14th November with the following words:

Lilac Class Spelling	
Curriculum Spelling	Spelling Rule – Homophones
Choosing 6 words from the End of Term Statutory Spelling list that were incorrect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● leak/leek● knot/not● mail/male● new/knew● ate/eight● tail/tale● sail/sale● wood/would

Times Tables

Each week we will have a focus Times Table, the children will complete a Times Table check on this, including Division. We will be working on 7x tables. The children will have the choice to bring some worksheets home which are designed to practice the 7x tables.

Reading

The children have been encouraged to use a book from the library to read but are welcome to bring their own for in their tray. Our class text for next term is The Gunpowder Plot: A Time for Treason – Ann Turnbull, this text will be used for Guided Reading as well as our Key text for English. We have been reading Esio Trot by Roald Dahl as our Class book.

Notices

Spelling Tests take place on Wednesdays, homework books are required in school for these tests. Homework is due on Wednesdays.

Children in Need is next week (16th November 2018) - please see the attached information.

If you have anything you need to speak to us about or any issues at all then please feel free to make an appointment with the office to come and see us any morning or night after school or give us a call at these times. Our door is always open so if you want to see the work your child has been doing then feel free to make an appointment to pop in.

Miss Barr, Miss Corrigan and Miss Gough



Children in Need 2018

We will be taking part in Children in Need this year and we hope to raise more money than ever.

Every year, BBC Radio Manchester organises a fundraising event to support the charity. This year, some presenters will each be walking a half marathon, starting and finishing at different Children in Need-funded projects in Greater Manchester.

Their task is to raise and collect money as they go, and they will also be broadcasting live from the route.

They will be passing our school on **Tuesday 13th November** and we have been asked if we would like to speak to presenter Mike Sweeney and pass on our generous donations to Children in Need.

On Tuesday morning we are asking children to bring in a minimum of £1 and a nicely decorated bun. During the morning the children will be able to eat their bun and 'have their cake and eat it'! Pudsey teddy bears are also warmly invited to attend! If you are making your own cakes, please follow the advice from the Food Standards Agency.

We aim to raise lots of money to hand over to BBC Radio Manchester. We will also be able to tell them how we are raising money in a live broadcast.

To raise more money for Children in Need we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 16th November**. The theme is '*Do your thing!*' and we ask children to come to school as someone, or something, they would like to do in the future. Maybe they want to travel the world, be a scientist who finds a cure, go surfing, or be the winner of The Great British Bake Off. Whatever your thing is, do it!

We ask for a minimum donation of £1 on the day and we hope to make another generous donation to Children in Need.

Thanks for your support!



Advice from the Food Standards Agency (www.food.gov.uk)

Cakes

You can serve home-made cakes at community events. They should be safe to eat, as long as:

- the people who make them follow good food hygiene advice
- the cakes are stored and transported safely

Making and transporting cakes

If you make a cake at home:

- use recipes from reputable sources
- always wash your hands before preparing food
- make sure that surfaces, bowls, utensils, and any other equipment are clean
- don't use raw eggs in anything that won't be thoroughly cooked, such as icing or mousse
- keep cheesecakes and any cakes or desserts containing fresh cream in the fridge
- store cakes in a clean, sealable container, away from raw foods

On the day, when you bring in cakes from home or run the stall, you should:

- transport cakes in a clean, sealable container
- make sure that cheesecake and any cakes or desserts containing fresh cream are left out of the fridge for the shortest time possible, ideally not longer than four hours
- when handling cakes use tongs or a cake slice

Storing cakes

You can keep cakes and baked goods with high sugar content in:

- airtight containers - this will prevent mould growth through absorption of moisture from the atmosphere
- the fridge - cakes will last for longer, but their quality may be affected

Any cakes with high moisture additions, such as cream, added after baking, should not be left at room temperature. They must be stored chilled (in the fridge) and eaten within the shelf-life of the added product.

There are some types of icing, such as ganache and buttercream that can be kept outside the fridge. It's best to store them somewhere cool and dry. Check the guidelines for storage of the particular icing product you will be using.