



Welcome to Foxes Class 2026-2027



Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Foxes Class! We hope that everyone is now settled back into the school routine. Children can arrive at school from 8.15 a.m. entering through the front door and children are to be in class for 8.25am. The school day finishes for us at 3.20pm. If your child has a brother or sister in a class that finishes at 3.00pm, they will all go home at 3.00pm. We will dismiss children from the side gate.

Staffing Changes

Your child will be taught every **Tuesday and Wednesday** by Mrs Steer and **Monday, Thursday and Friday** by Mrs Copping. Mrs Leatham will be the class teaching assistant, with support from Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Tooke

Class dojos

Class dojos are used to reward children. The child who receives the highest dojo points at the end of the week receives a token for their House. This will be awarded in Well Done Worship. You are welcome to join us in church at 8.45am on Fridays.

Home Learning

Mathletics will start on Friday, 18th September, and spellings for Y2 will also be set then. We will send Y1 spellings home for the first time on Friday 2nd October, with the first spell check taking place in school on Friday 9th October. For Y1, only words that have been highlighted need to be learnt for the spell check. Both year groups will have words available from this Friday (18/09/26) on Spelling Frame

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or Mrs Steer MSteer@newtontony.wilts.sch.uk

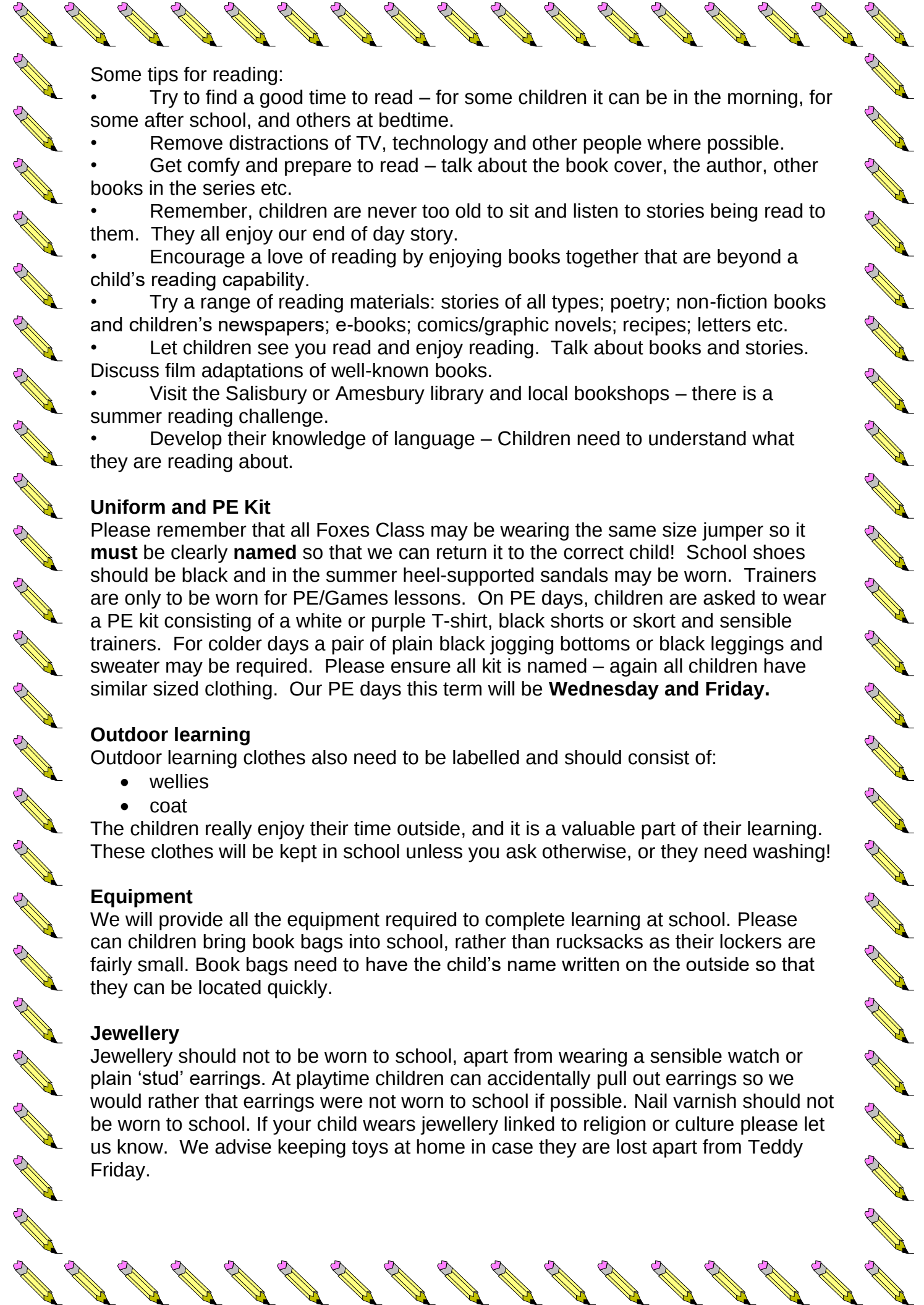
if you have any concerns or worries about the homework set or if your child is unable to use a laptop or tablet to complete the mathletics or spelling homework.

Weekly Spellings

These will be set on the Spelling Frame app. Children can practise their spellings on-line or may choose to practise another way that suits their learning style. They are asked to complete at least one test on-line on spelling frame each week. A spelling test will be completed on a Friday at the back of the communication books. This will not start straight away for Y1, as mentioned above. Children will be given spelling credits for scores and effort. When a set number of credits have been achieved the children can visit the spelling shop.

Reading Sessions

We complete three reading sessions in school per week within our different reading groups. Once these three sessions have been completed reading books will come home, this is usually towards the end of the week. The only difference is for Y2 children reading chapter books, these books take 2 weeks to complete (6 reading sessions) and will therefore come home every other week.



Some tips for reading:

- Try to find a good time to read – for some children it can be in the morning, for some after school, and others at bedtime.
- Remove distractions of TV, technology and other people where possible.
- Get comfy and prepare to read – talk about the book cover, the author, other books in the series etc.
- Remember, children are never too old to sit and listen to stories being read to them. They all enjoy our end of day story.
- Encourage a love of reading by enjoying books together that are beyond a child's reading capability.
- Try a range of reading materials: stories of all types; poetry; non-fiction books and children's newspapers; e-books; comics/graphic novels; recipes; letters etc.
- Let children see you read and enjoy reading. Talk about books and stories.

Discuss film adaptations of well-known books.

- Visit the Salisbury or Amesbury library and local bookshops – there is a summer reading challenge.
- Develop their knowledge of language – Children need to understand what they are reading about.

Uniform and PE Kit

Please remember that all Foxes Class may be wearing the same size jumper so it **must** be clearly **named** so that we can return it to the correct child! School shoes should be black and in the summer heel-supported sandals may be worn. Trainers are only to be worn for PE/Games lessons. On PE days, children are asked to wear a PE kit consisting of a white or purple T-shirt, black shorts or skirt and sensible trainers. For colder days a pair of plain black jogging bottoms or black leggings and sweater may be required. Please ensure all kit is named – again all children have similar sized clothing. Our PE days this term will be **Wednesday and Friday**.

Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning clothes also need to be labelled and should consist of:

- wellies
- coat

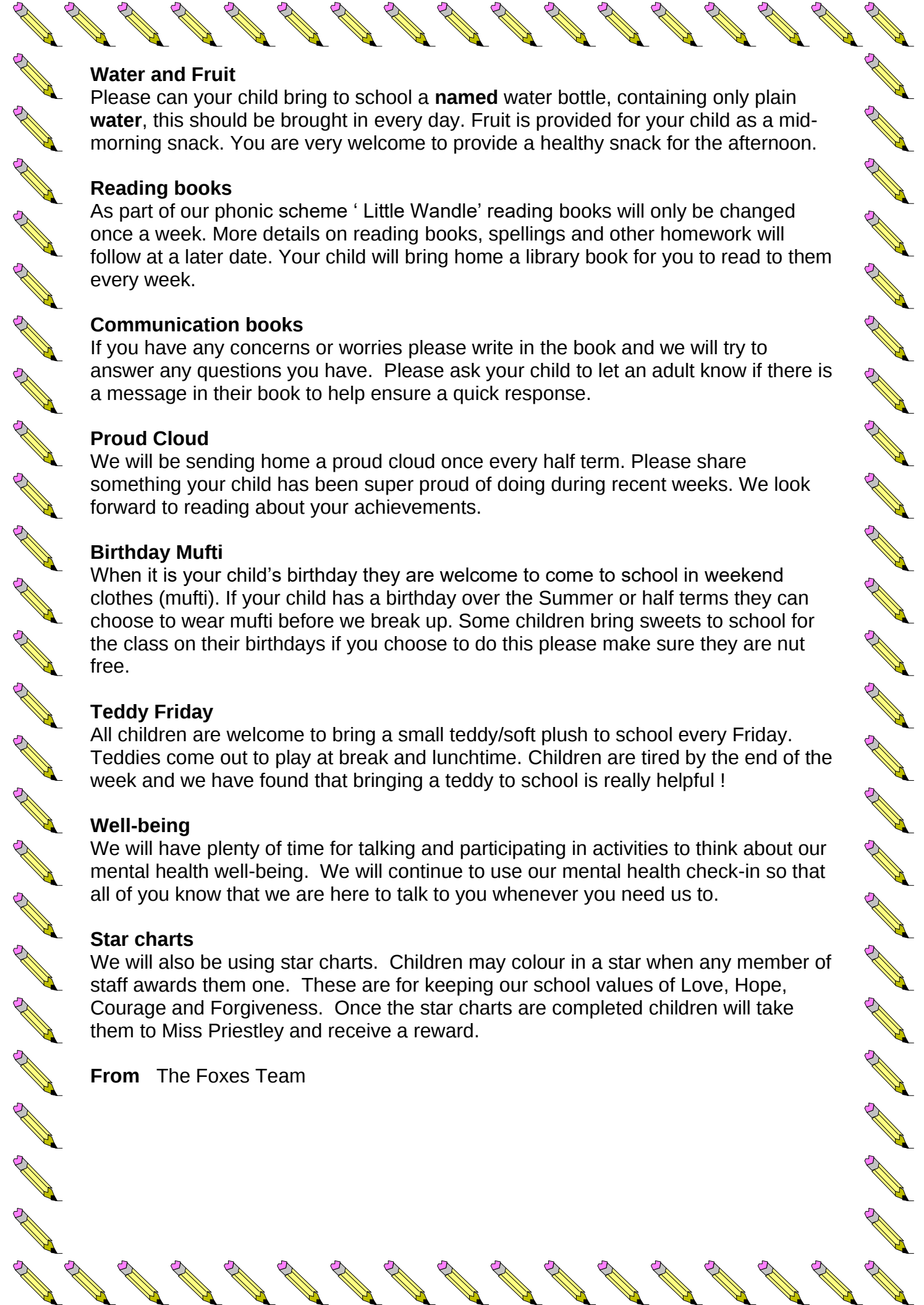
The children really enjoy their time outside, and it is a valuable part of their learning. These clothes will be kept in school unless you ask otherwise, or they need washing!

Equipment

We will provide all the equipment required to complete learning at school. Please can children bring book bags into school, rather than rucksacks as their lockers are fairly small. Book bags need to have the child's name written on the outside so that they can be located quickly.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not to be worn to school, apart from wearing a sensible watch or plain 'stud' earrings. At playtime children can accidentally pull out earrings so we would rather that earrings were not worn to school if possible. Nail varnish should not be worn to school. If your child wears jewellery linked to religion or culture please let us know. We advise keeping toys at home in case they are lost apart from Teddy Friday.



Water and Fruit

Please can your child bring to school a **named** water bottle, containing only plain **water**, this should be brought in every day. Fruit is provided for your child as a mid-morning snack. You are very welcome to provide a healthy snack for the afternoon.

Reading books

As part of our phonic scheme 'Little Wandle' reading books will only be changed once a week. More details on reading books, spellings and other homework will follow at a later date. Your child will bring home a library book for you to read to them every week.

Communication books

If you have any concerns or worries please write in the book and we will try to answer any questions you have. Please ask your child to let an adult know if there is a message in their book to help ensure a quick response.

Proud Cloud

We will be sending home a proud cloud once every half term. Please share something your child has been super proud of doing during recent weeks. We look forward to reading about your achievements.

Birthday Mufti

When it is your child's birthday they are welcome to come to school in weekend clothes (mufti). If your child has a birthday over the Summer or half terms they can choose to wear mufti before we break up. Some children bring sweets to school for the class on their birthdays if you choose to do this please make sure they are nut free.

Teddy Friday

All children are welcome to bring a small teddy/soft plush to school every Friday. Teddies come out to play at break and lunchtime. Children are tired by the end of the week and we have found that bringing a teddy to school is really helpful !

Well-being

We will have plenty of time for talking and participating in activities to think about our mental health well-being. We will continue to use our mental health check-in so that all of you know that we are here to talk to you whenever you need us to.

Star charts

We will also be using star charts. Children may colour in a star when any member of staff awards them one. These are for keeping our school values of Love, Hope, Courage and Forgiveness. Once the star charts are completed children will take them to Miss Priestley and receive a reward.

From The Foxes Team