

# CLASS ONE

Time for a break!

## Welcome!

A great big welcome to all of our new children this term. It is great to have you in Class One. You have already settled in so well and it is like you have been with us for years!

## Tapestry

Thank you to all of you who continue to add your own posts to your child's Tapestry page. It is great to see what the children get up to when they are not in school. Please keep adding items as often as you would like!

## House points

We have now started a new house system, similar to those used in other schools, where the children are split into four houses, mixed in with children from each class in the school. The four houses are called Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee, as the children decided houses that were named after places Jesus lived or visited would be a good idea. The children can earn house points towards a house trophy that will be presented at the end of the year.



## Fire Brigade Visit

This year, the fire brigade came to visit us! Two fire engines arrived at school with a full complement each of fire fighters.



The children had the opportunity to see inside the fire engine and talk about the different equipment the fire fighters use. They also all had a go at using a fire hose, spraying water down the back lane! The children had a great time and

learnt a lot about what fire fighters do and how they keep us safe. They then followed up their learning in class with different activities.



## General notices and reminders:

- Just a reminder that next half term begins on Tuesday 21st February as Monday 20th is a staff training day.
- Please use the half term to check that all clothing, including PE kit, is appropriately labelled. We have noticed that a few names seem to be fading in the wash! We would appreciate it if you could also check that all PE kits still fit your child. We wear plimsolls during every PE session in case of a fire drill so it is important that they have a well fitting pair. Thank you.
- We will continue to take the children on impromptu trips based around their learning. Could you please ensure your child has their full uniform, including blue overcoat, everyday so we are prepared.
- For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years please visit [www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage](http://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage).



## Chinese New Year

This year, the whole school got involved in celebrating Chinese New Year. We had a number of parents come in to talk to use or prepare traditional Chinese food for the occasion. The children had a wonderful time learning about other cultures and spending time together as a whole school. It was a very successful day and we look forward to repeating the experience next year. Thank you for all of your support.

## Library visit

As a follow up to the visit from the fire brigade, Class 1 took a trip to the new Central Library to see if we could find any books that would give us more information about fire fighters. They were very well behaved and we even got down there in time to join in with Rhyme Time! The children enjoyed looking at books and were fascinated with the machine used for borrowing books.

## Art Exhibition

Next half term, instead of a Musical Extravaganza, the school are planning to put on an art exhibition. We have invited local artists to come to the school and share their knowledge and expertise with us so that we can create art work of our own that we will display and sell to parents. Watch this space for more details over the next few weeks!

We hope you enjoy the half term break and look forward to seeing your children back refreshed and ready to learn!