



SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

Dear Parent/Carers,

First of all, we would like to say how delighted we are to have the children back with us and secondly we would like to introduce ourselves as your child's new class teachers: Mrs Boyle (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) and Miss Nagelsztajn (Thursdays and Fridays) ☺ We are also very lucky to have Mr Stokes as our class Teaching Assistant every day.

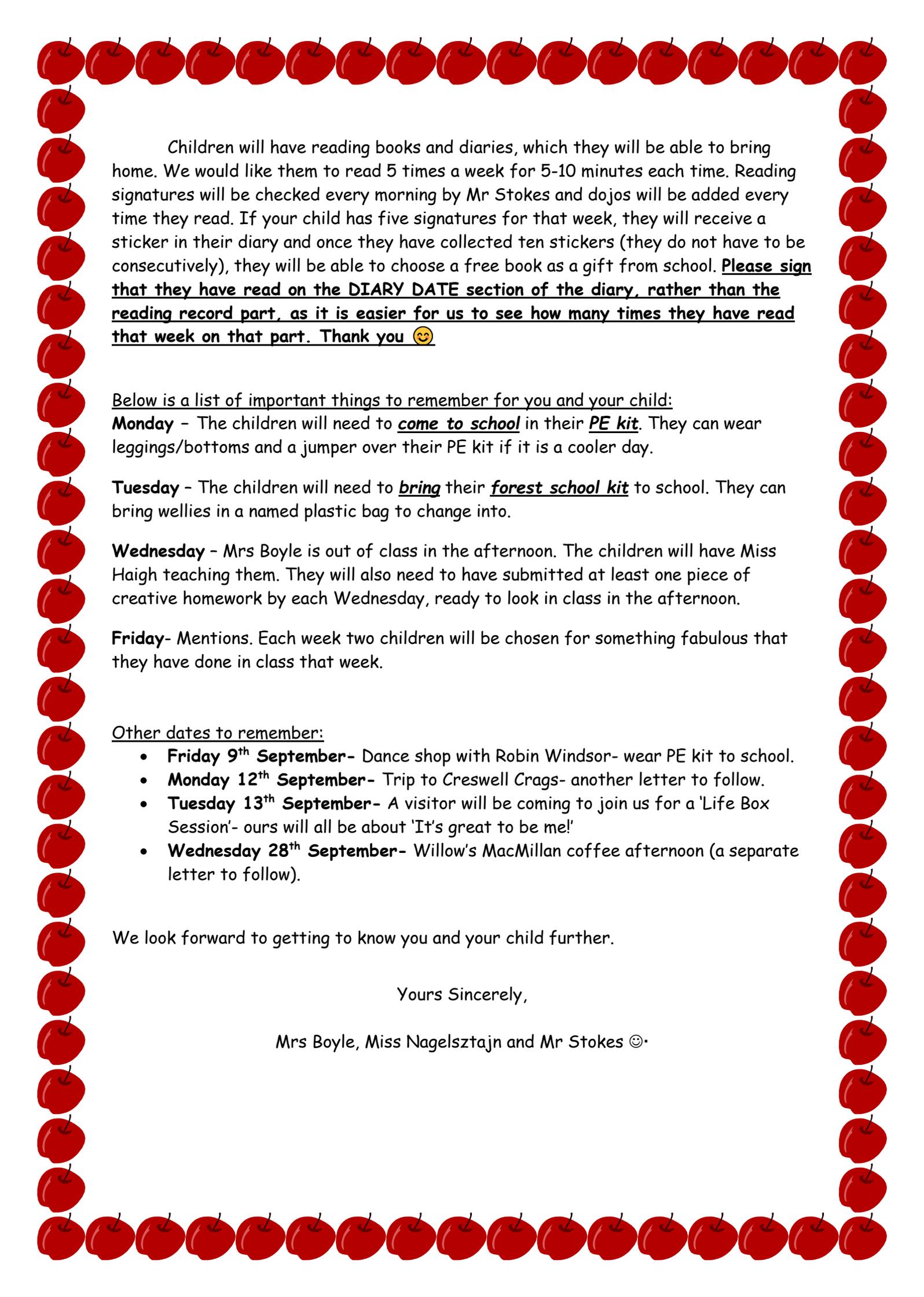
We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and have developed a curriculum which will broaden the children's understanding of the world in a fun and interactive way as well as support the transition from Healdswood Infant School if they have joined us from there.

This term we will be pulling our topic work through our English and learning all about the prehistoric times, including the Stone Age. We will also be reading *The Stone Age Boy* to support our topic further. We have organised a trip to Creswell Crags, which will take place on Monday 12th September. You should have already received a letter with more information.

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value, calculations and time. In Science, we will be learning all about how to be a scientist, conducting experiments and learning how to make it a fair test. We will also be exploring and delving into what makes a good scientist. Throughout this curriculum, we will also be teaching your children how to be ready to learn and safe online. They will also be spending time in our outdoor learning area, taking part in Forest Schools. In French, they will start to learn basic everyday words.

In PE, the children will be taking part in dance and exploring how they can use their bodies to travel in different ways and create different movements. We are fortunate to have Robin Windsor (from *Strictly Come Dancing*) come and deliver a dance workshop to every class on Friday 9th September (please come to school in PE kit) and the following four weeks of PE will be developing this dance.

This term, children will have the creative homework menu. They are to complete a piece from the menu, which they can choose and bring it in weekly on a Wednesday, where we will share and celebrate the work that they have completed at home. There will no longer be a Maths or English section on our creative homework menu. Instead, we would like the children to access TTRS (to practice their times tables) and Bedrock Vocabulary at home as part of their homework. More information about these is on the homework sheet.



Children will have reading books and diaries, which they will be able to bring home. We would like them to read 5 times a week for 5-10 minutes each time. Reading signatures will be checked every morning by Mr Stokes and dojos will be added every time they read. If your child has five signatures for that week, they will receive a sticker in their diary and once they have collected ten stickers (they do not have to be consecutively), they will be able to choose a free book as a gift from school. Please sign that they have read on the DIARY DATE section of the diary, rather than the reading record part, as it is easier for us to see how many times they have read that week on that part. Thank you 😊

Below is a list of important things to remember for you and your child:

Monday - The children will need to come to school in their PE kit. They can wear leggings/bottoms and a jumper over their PE kit if it is a cooler day.

Tuesday - The children will need to bring their forest school kit to school. They can bring wellies in a named plastic bag to change into.

Wednesday - Mrs Boyle is out of class in the afternoon. The children will have Miss Haigh teaching them. They will also need to have submitted at least one piece of creative homework by each Wednesday, ready to look in class in the afternoon.

Friday- Mentions. Each week two children will be chosen for something fabulous that they have done in class that week.

Other dates to remember:

- **Friday 9th September**- Dance shop with Robin Windsor- wear PE kit to school.
- **Monday 12th September**- Trip to Creswell Crag- another letter to follow.
- **Tuesday 13th September**- A visitor will be coming to join us for a 'Life Box Session'- ours will all be about 'It's great to be me!'
- **Wednesday 28th September**- Willow's MacMillan coffee afternoon (a separate letter to follow).

We look forward to getting to know you and your child further.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Boyle, Miss Nagelsztajn and Mr Stokes ☺