

# St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

## Class 2 Newsletter

### The Smarties Class Mrs. Wallis Term 3 & 4 2016

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! May I thank those of you on behalf of Mrs Kenton, Mrs Saynor and myself for the very thoughtful Christmas gifts and cards you gave us.

We had a fantastic time last term, learning about the Gunpowder Plot and enjoying the magic of Narnia. We also, of course, spent time practising and performing our nativity production. Thank you for all your support in learning lines and sourcing costumes at home. I am sure you will agree that the children did particularly well, and we all enjoyed the process of learning to perform!

The children have made a great start to this term and are already demonstrating their eagerness to learn new skills and knowledge. The **Spring Term** is such an important term in class 2 when the children really get to grips with our more challenging curriculum. Please ask the children what we have been busy learning!

If you wish to further support your child's home learning, we have enjoyed using these educational web-sites as part of our Computing lessons:

[www.topicbox.co.uk](http://www.topicbox.co.uk)

[www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)

[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk)

The ICT games website is especially useful for practising English and Maths skills. In particular the games based on place value, money and counting.

Please do feel free to come and see me for a chat if you have any questions about the next two terms, or would like more information on how you can continue to support learning at home.

Many thanks once again, and best wishes for 2017.

*Mrs Wallis*

### How can you help?

**RAID YOUR RECYCLING!** We will be conducting a scientific experiment as part of our materials topic. In order to do this, we need lots of empty SQUEEZY bottles. For example: washing up bottles, conditioner, shampoo etc. They need to have the nozzle in their top. Any you have finished with would be gratefully received.

P.E is on a Monday and Wednesday. Please check your child has a full kit (that fits!) in school on these days.

During these winter months, please add socks in P.E bags for girls who wear tights.

Please could all winter warmth bits and pieces be named. At this time of year there are many lost hats and gloves and naming makes it so much quicker and easier to return them to their rightful home!

### In 2017 we will be learning about.....

The children have already started our Science topic of Materials. The class learns about the properties and uses of different materials, as well as experimenting with how they can be manipulated.

In Music, the children will be learning to play the Ocarina. The Ocarina is a small wind instrument that is a good first step for those that haven't played an instrument or read music before.

We are also celebrating Art week – using the illustrator Judith Kerr as our inspiration.

Judith Kerr wrote the famous story; The Tiger Who Came to Tea and the delightful Mog story collection. We will be experimenting with printing and making 3D models.

