

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We can tell by the chill in the air and the rainy weather that winter is now upon us. At school we tell the children to put their gloves into their hats, put their hats into the sleeve of their coats and that way they will not lose anything. It would be great if you can make sure they follow this simple strategy and also make sure that all coats are labelled with the name and class.

During the half term break many of our families celebrated Diwali and I want to personally wish all of those that celebrated Diwali a happy and prosperous year ahead. We have returned to school full of excitement and ready to demonstrate all the ways in which we can be **INDEPENDANT** this half term. We will be focussing on this right over the next few weeks, so please let us know via the postcards of all the things your children are doing independently at home.

Have a wonderful weekend and please stay safe around fireworks this weekend.

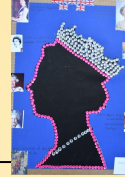
Best wishes,  
Ms Von



## Queen portrait competition.



We are once again overwhelmed by the commitment of our Star families to encouraging our pupils to complete the homework projects, such creative skills! We are particularly impressed by the children's skills in different artistic mediums. Some of our year 6 artist shelped Ms Von explore the entries, choosing winners from each year group. Winners, runners up and head teacher favourites will be announced soon!



Many of our families may be visiting fireworks shows, using sparklers at home or purchasing fireworks. This can be a dangerous time for our pupils so please be mindful of the dangers when using fireworks.

- Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used.
- Children and young people should be supervised, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- It is recommended that sparklers are not given to under-5s.



## Save the date



The return of the Star Winter Festival is fast approaching. Please save the date of Monday 28th November. We will have music, stalls, cake competitions and winter activities. Tickets will be available soon!

