

Dosbarth Afal - Year 1 and Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see all the children back in school safe and well after the summer holiday. We've had a busy couple of weeks settling back in, becoming familiar with the new routines and conducting assessments.

This year the children will be leading the learning through mini topics. This half-term is all about settling in and getting to know ourselves better, including what is special about each of us.

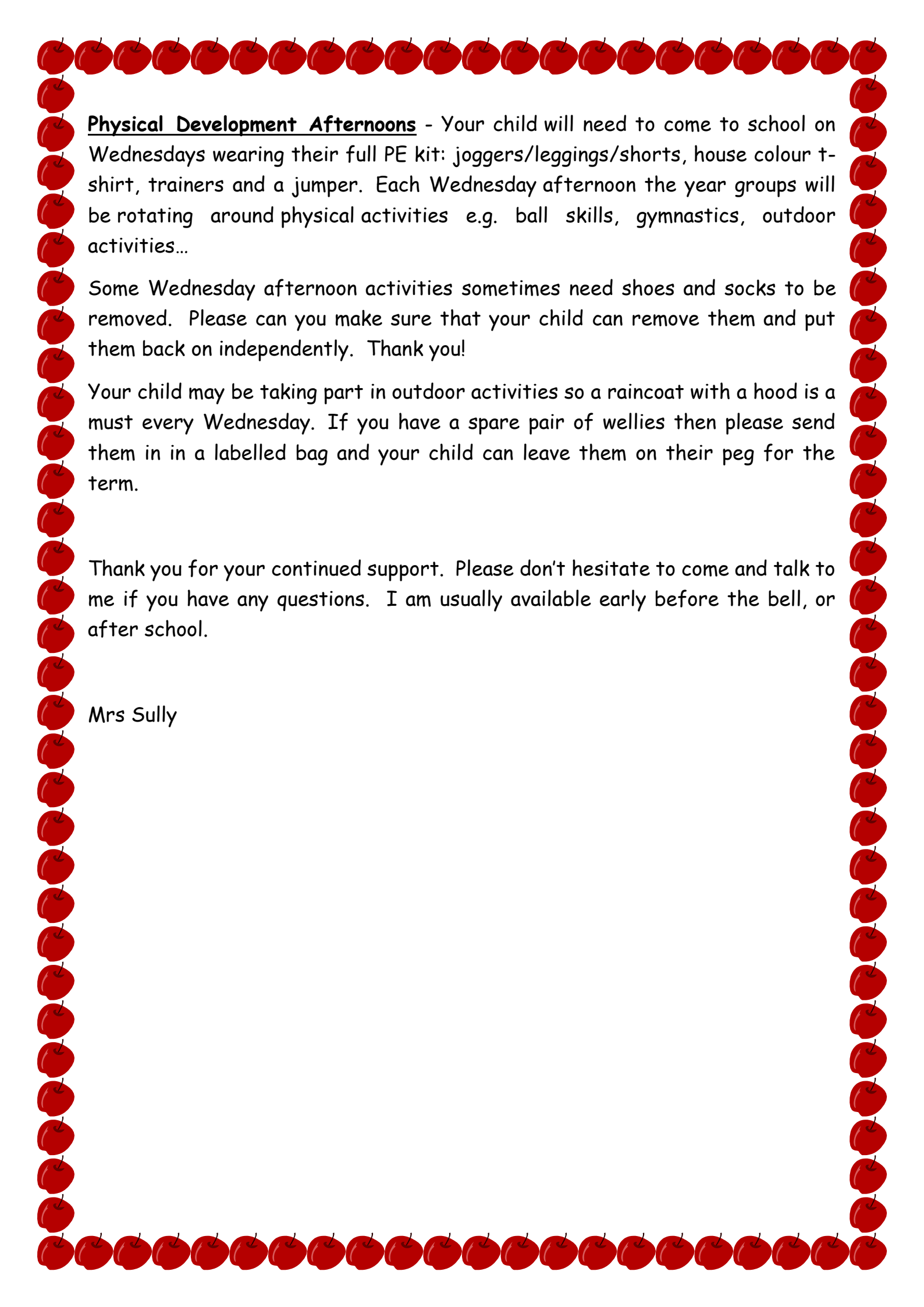
Reading/Spelling - The partnership between home and school is vital in helping your child's reading and writing development. Reading every day with your child at home, as well as practising sounds/keywords, really does make the difference to help your child make progress. Please can all bookbags be returned to school every **Monday**. I will be sending out a reading information sheet shortly on how you can support your child at home.

Bookbags will be sent home week commencing 22nd September.

Clothing - The weather is very changeable, and we aim to be outside as much as possible. Your child will need a raincoat, with a hood, daily. We spend increasing amount of time each day trying to reacquaint jumpers/cardigans with the correct owner. If you haven't already done so, please could you label your child's belongings. Thank you!

Water Bottles - Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school, water only please and make sure it is clearly named in a permanent pen/sticker.

Snack Time - Also, a reminder that if you haven't already done so, and you would like your child to have school fruit snacks during the week, please see parent pay to sign up. Please remember that only one small snack is needed on a 'Free Friday'.



Physical Development Afternoons - Your child will need to come to school on Wednesdays wearing their full PE kit: joggers/leggings/shorts, house colour t-shirt, trainers and a jumper. Each Wednesday afternoon the year groups will be rotating around physical activities e.g. ball skills, gymnastics, outdoor activities...

Some Wednesday afternoon activities sometimes need shoes and socks to be removed. Please can you make sure that your child can remove them and put them back on independently. Thank you!

Your child may be taking part in outdoor activities so a raincoat with a hood is a must every Wednesday. If you have a spare pair of wellies then please send them in in a labelled bag and your child can leave them on their peg for the term.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to come and talk to me if you have any questions. I am usually available early before the bell, or after school.

Mrs Sully