



# Reception Newsletter

## Autumn Term 1

### Welcome!

A huge well done to all the children for settling into school so well! We have had a great first 2 weeks and are very impressed with the children.

## Class information

### Clothing

Please ensure that your child attends school wearing a school uniform with black footwear and that all your child's uniform and belongings are labelled clearly with their name. Children need to bring a coat everyday.

Please leave spare clothing on your child's peg in case of accidents.

We would be grateful for any donations of clothing and underwear that you no longer need.

### PE

PE will start the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Please leave a PE kit on their peg labelled with their name. (Shorts, Tshirt and pumps.)

## Learning

This half term our theme is Settling in/Ourselves. We will also be finding out from the children what their interests are.

We will begin to learn letter sounds and how to blend them together to read words. We will practise letter formation to write our names, learn number recognition and counting, shape recognition and measures. We will teach the children routines and encourage their developing social skills.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Reception will be closed for children and we will invite you to come in for a 15 minute meeting to discuss how your child has settled in and how you can support their learning at home.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff before or after school.

## Helping your child

### Phonics and reading

Over the coming weeks we will begin to send home the sounds and tricky words that we have been learning at school. Please work together with your child to learn these.

It would be helpful if you could also encourage your child to practise writing their name using the dotted sheets that we will send home.

Your child will be given a reading book to take home after the half term holidays when they are confident with their sounds and understand how to blend them together to read.

Book bags are available to buy from the office.

## Donations

We make home made play dough every week. We would be extremely grateful for donations of ingredients such as flour, salt, cream of tartar, food colouring and baby wipes. A list will be available in the classroom. Please sign up if you are able to help us.

Thank you



## Term dates

### Autumn term 1:

The first half term ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Children will then have 1 week at home and return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Reception is closed for children on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### Reminder

School starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm.

If somebody different is picking up your child, please let us know.