



# Reception Newsletter 2019

## Autumn 1

### This half term.....

Welcome to Reception!

Our priority over the next few weeks is settling the children in. We will start the term by discussing school rules and routines and learning in the different areas of the classroom.

Our first topic is 'Do you want to be friends?' The children will be learning all about their own families and looking at similarities and differences of others. We will look at the different people who help us and how they care for us. We will be talking about the emotion 'love' and how we feel it and express it.



### Dates

- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Phonics Meeting in Miss Walkers classroom 3:30pm – 4:00pm (parents can wait after school)
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Photograph Day
- **WB Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**- Parents Evening week
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**- Stay and Play Reception- 1:30pm-3:00pm
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**- Harvest Festival Reception/KS1 9:30am, KS2 11:00am at school – parents/carers welcome
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Halloween disco Reception/KS1 – 4 till 5 KS2 – 5.15 till 6.15
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Break up for half term
- **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October** – Baby sale 10am – 12.30pm (run by APPI) dinner hall
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Back to school

### Useful reminders

#### Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

#### Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's record / planner each time your child reads at home. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones! Children are expected to reach 50 reads by Christmas.

#### Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

#### Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

#### School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up. **Please add names inside clothing, and shoes as they can go missing from time to time.**

#### Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear correct uniform, have full attendance for the week and have no late marks.

### Other information

- PE is on Thursday - for the first couple of weeks we expect most of this lesson will be spent getting undressed and changing. We will encourage the children to be independent with changing. Please avoid tights and shirts on this day. Thank you ☺
- We have a **collection tin** in each of the Reception cloakrooms for contributions towards baking ingredients, making playdough etc. A contribution of **£1 a half term** would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child take a sticker for their contribution.