

# Reception

# Newsletter



Hello and welcome to our second edition of our Autumn Term Reception Newsletter. We have really enjoyed getting to know your children and yourselves over the past half term.

## Uniform

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name and class. This includes coats, hats gloves and scarves. Your child will be learning indoors and outdoors everyday so please send your child with a coat everyday.

## Book Bags

Please make sure that you have labelled your child's book bag with their name and class so that they do not get lost. **Book bags are part of the school uniform and should be brought to school every-**

## Home Reading

Well done to all of the children who have been reading their reading books. It is clear to see the children who are getting regular practise at home. It is vital that you read regularly with your child. Research shows that children who read at home make better progress at school.

**Books will be changed on a Wednesday every week.**

Could you please fill out the comments box in the reading record diary when you have read with your child as this will tell us that your child's book is ready to be changed. **We cannot change their reading book unless it has been written in.**

We will be sending home copies of the sounds and words that your children are learning in school.

**Please help us to help your child reach their full potential by reading together everyday.**

Thank you

## Parents Evening

This half-term we will be holding individual meetings on **Tuesday 3rd of December 2019** and **Wednesday 4th of December 2019**  
At **3:20-6:00pm.**

This will give you the opportunity to discuss you child's progress with their teacher and see their wonderful work. Letters will be sent out at a later date with appointment times.

**\*\*\*Please check at home for School jumpers and cardigans as some have gone home with the wrong children.\*\*\***

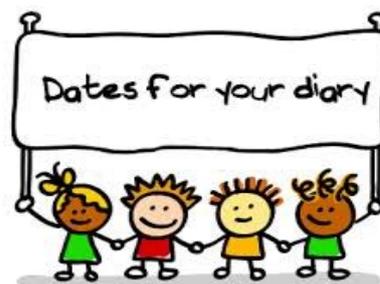
## PE Kits

PE takes place every **Wednesday. Please make sure that a FULL PE kit is kept in school at all times. Label each item of clothing with your child's name.** We will send home PE kits at the end of every half term.

**To reach Age Related Expectation at the end of Reception, children must be able to dress independently. That means changing clothes, fastening buttons and putting on socks and shoes. Many children cannot do this yet so please practise this skill at home.**



- Friday 15th November—Children in Need
- Tuesday 26th November —Flu Immunisations
- Tuesday 3rd & Friday 4th December— Parents Evening
- Wednesday 11th December—Reception Nativity
- Friday 13th December— Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 18th December—Trip to the Mac
- Wednesday 18th December—Stories Around the Christmas Tree
- Thursday 19th December—Christmas Dinner
- Friday 20th December—Children break up for Christmas



**Don't forget to visit our school website. This is updated regularly with photographs to show what the children are learning, key dates, copies of letters and other important information.**

Visit <http://www.hollyhill.bham.sch.uk/>

# Celebrations and Festivals

**Our topic this half term is celebrations and festivals.** We are looking forward to teaching the children about all the important festivals and celebrations that take place in the run up to Christmas. The children will learn about Diwali, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. We will discuss why we celebrate birthdays and Christmas. Throughout our topic the children will be learning about our Christian values. These will include: exploring the joy celebrations can bring, the value of hope and of course patience by understanding that we have to wait for celebrations and festivities to arrive. We will also be actively promoting tolerance and respect by developing children's understanding that others may have different beliefs or may celebrate the same celebration in different ways.



In **phonics** the children will continue to learn Phase 2 sounds. They will continue to learn how to sound talk words to help them read and spell. Please support your child with learning their sounds by looking for letters in the environment, identifying them in reading books, playing games such as I spy etc. Words will be sent home for your children to practise segmenting and blending skills. Tricky words will also be sent. These are words that cannot be sounded out and need to be learnt by sight. Encourage your children to look out for these words in your reading books.

In **Maths** we will be describing and naming 2D and 3D shapes. We will continue to recognise and order numbers and will be practising our counting skills. We be finding 1 more and begin to find totals of two groups by counting all of them.

Our Values underpin all that we do and the children will be taught them through the following ways this half term:

**Hope:** The children will learn about hope through the Christmas story.

**Joy:** The children will learn about joy when exploring different celebrations.

**Love:** The children will learn about love through the Christmas story and through sharing about who they are, who is in their lives and who is important to them.

**Patience:** The children will learn about patience through Advent and The Christmas story.

**Gentleness:** The children will learn gentleness through the Nativity story.

**Tolerance:** The children will learn about things and times that are special to them and times that are special to other people. They will begin to learn that other people might think and feel differently to them and learn to listen to other people's ideas; showing tolerance.

