

# Reception



# Newsletter



Hello and welcome to the first Autumn Term edition of our Reception Newsletter.

The children look very smart in their new uniform. They have settled in really well and it has been a pleasure getting to know them in their first few days of school.

## 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.

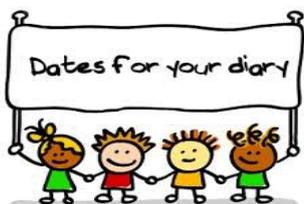
## Book Bags

Please make sure that you have labelled your child's book bag with their name and class so that they do not get lost.

## Open Evening

Every half term parents are invited into school to look at the their child's work. **Our first opening evening is Wednesday 18th October 3.10-5.00pm.** Please make sure that you are able to come along to spend time with your child looking at their work and discussing their progress with the class teacher.

During the open evening parents are able to book an individual follow-up appointment with their child's class teacher if they would like to discuss their child's progress further.



## Home Reading

Well done to all of the children that have brought in their new book bags already! 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 Tuesday and Thursday every week.** Reading books will be given after the first 'meet the teacher' session on **Tuesday 19th September.**

Could you please fill out the comments box in the reading record diary when you 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 also be hearing your child read individually and in groups every week.

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

## PE Kits

PE takes place every **Friday.** **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.**



**Please practise this skill at home.**

- Monday 18th September**—School Photographer
- Tuesday 19th September**— Meet the teacher 2.15 School Hall
- Thursday 21st September**—Macmillan Cake Sale 2:45
- Tuesday 26th September**—Inspire Workshop 9.00
- Tuesday 3rd October**—Harvest Festival & Parent Workshop
- Tuesday 10th October**—Whole school visit to St Leonards Church
- Thursday 12th October**—Theatre company in school—Pinocchio
- Wednesday 18th October**—Open Afternoon
- Thursday 19th October**—Diwali

# All About Me

**Our topic this half term is All About Me.** During this topic we will be learning all about our bodies and our five senses. The children will be thinking about their families and what is special to them. We will spend time getting to know each other and talking about our feelings.

In **phonics** the children will learn Phase 2 sounds. They will learn that 'phoneme' means the sound a letter makes and 'grapheme' means the written symbol. We will also be learning how to sound talk words so that we can read and spell them.

We will discuss this in more detail during our first 'meet the teacher' session on **Tuesday 19th September**. During this meeting you will meet your child's teacher. We will share important information about what we will be teaching your child this year and explain how you can support your child's learning at home.

In **Maths** we will be practising our counting skills and helping the children to recognise numbers. We will also be learning about 2D shapes and patterns.

**As a Christian school our vision is to promote 'Life in All its Fullness.'** Our ethos is based on our 12 Christian values of hope, honesty, patience, joy, forgiveness, tolerance, thankfulness, respect, kindness, friendship, gentleness and love. We actively promote and explicitly teach these values and they underpin everything we do.

**The children will be taught our values in the following ways this half term:**

**Friendship** - As we all come together and get to know one another we will accurately teach the children how to be good friends. We will learn how to be a good friend and what it feels like when others are good friends to us.

**Kindness and Love** – Children will learn ways that they can be kind to one another. We will teach children to consider their own actions and use puppets to explore what happens when others are not kind; considering how they can 'put things right'.

**Patience** — Children will learn to share resources and will learn to wait to take their turn.

**Honesty and Forgiveness** – Children will learn to say sorry and to be forgiven using the 4 step apology to resolve disagreements.

**Respect** – The children will be taught how to actively listen to each other and to adults and to show respect for each other's ideas, feelings and opinions. The children will also learn to show respect by looking after equipment and our environment.

**Thankfulness** – The children will learn that Christians sometimes say prayers to say 'Thank You' as part of our daily routine. We will also learn about Harvest and say Thank You for all of the things we have. We will collect tins and packaged food donations for our local foodbank for our Harvest Festival.