



# Reception Newsletter

## Autumn 2, October 2018



We are proud of how well the children have settled into Reception. We can already see huge progress. We hope the children enjoy the half term break and have some well-earned rest. We are looking forward to a busy and happy half term after the holidays. We have put together some useful information for the forthcoming term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask one of the Reception team.

### Let's Celebrate!

Our topic this term will be 'Let's Celebrate'. We will talk about times of 'Celebration' including birthdays, Bonfire Night, Divali and Christmas. Each week we will centre our learning around a book of the week. These will be 'Meg and Mog', Bonfire poetry, 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present' and 'The Jolly Postman'. We will be looking at the different ways people celebrate Christmas around the world. Please let us know if you have any special traditions that you would like to share with us.

### Parent Volunteers

If any parents could spare any time to come in and help read or with other projects, please let us know. Your help is always appreciated.

### Communication

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please let us know. We are available at the beginning and end of each day or for a longer conversation we will always arrange a time to talk. If you prefer, contact us by email  
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Thank you for your continuing support.

### Important Dates:

31<sup>st</sup> October-Meg and Mog walk to the woods  
6<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Family Day RKA in the afternoon  
7<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Family Day RA in the afternoon  
9<sup>th</sup> November- Spooky Disco 6.30-8.30  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm- Nativity Concert (all children will have a part in the play)  
12<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm - Nativity Concert (all children will have a part in the play)  
14<sup>th</sup> December- Reception Christmas Party

We will be sending out further information about these events. Please look out for emails



### Reading Books

We are continuing to introduce new letter sounds and ask you to keep up the good work practising them at home and applying them when sharing their reading book or library books – the children are making fantastic progress!

Library books will be changed on Fridays so please make sure book bags are in school on this day as we cannot send a new book without the old one being returned.

Please remember to make a short comment in your child's reading journal once they have read their book or practised their tricky words. It all counts towards gaining their star reader stickers on a Friday and lets us know how your child is progressing with reading at home. If your child is a star reader please put their reading journal in the class tray in the morning.

### Walk to the woods

To support our work on the story of Meg and Mog we are going on a walk to the woods. This will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We are asking for all children to come dressed up as witches, wizards, cats or other characters from the stories.

### Clothing

Please can you make sure that all items of clothing, coats, hats, scarfs, gloves etc. are clearly named. Lost items can be found and returned so much easier when the name is clearly visible.

### Wow Moments

These are an opportunity to share your children's achievements at home with your child's class teacher that we might otherwise not hear about. For example, if your child receives a swimming badge, this could be shared with school. These contribute to your child's 'learning journey' that is kept at school. You can write these down on a piece of paper and put them in the class trays or email them directly to us.

### Junk Modelling

Please save old boxes e.g. toothpaste, kitchen rolls, chocolate boxes, big boxes, etc and give them to your child's class teacher for small and large junk modelling.

### Class Trays

Please remember to place any important information into the class trays in the morning. This should include letters to the teachers, responses to letters, reading books on your child's day and any Tricky Words your child may need changing.

### Golden Rules

These are our Reception rules. Please talk to your children about these rules and the importance of keeping everybody happy and safe.

We work hard

We are kind

We look after our property

We are gentle

We Listen

We are honest

