



# Welcome to Reception

## 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope you have had a fantastic summer. Thank you to everyone who has joined us on Class Dojo and I look forward to communicating regularly with you, including weekly updates using this app. This is a great way for you to contact us should you have any questions or queries and to send us photographs showing what your child has been doing at home.

### Dates for your diary

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Sep – Reception Parents Phonics Meeting (Main Hall – start 9.15am)

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sep – MacMillan Coffee – children can bring a donation to buy a cake for this fabulous cause.

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reception and Nursery Coffee Morning, start 9.15am

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Pumpkin Carving and Halloween Disco

(Please note Parents Evenings are to be held next half term on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.)

### Topic - Autumn Term 1

Our topic this half term is 'All about me'. We will be exploring about ourselves, our families and our local environment.



### Reading in Reception

Your child will be given a new reading book each week. Please record in their reading log each time you read. Books will be changed on a **Tuesday**. Please take time to read books and to discuss the characters, settings and what might happen next or other possible endings. Use the pictures to support your child's reading. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school.

### Star of the week...

Every Friday one child will be awarded 'Star of the Week', linked to a particular theme. They will receive their certificate in the school achievement assembly and will bring this home. Their photograph will be displayed on the school achievement wall (in the main corridor) for the week. You will also receive a text message to advise you of their achievement..



### Show and Tell

Every **Friday** children have the opportunity to show their friends something they have made, an item which may be special to them, or preferably linked to our current topic 'All about me'.

### Routines:-

- School uniform is grey trousers or skirt/pinafore, with white polo shirt and royal blue jumper or cardigan. No leggings should be worn. Shoes should be all black.
- Children will be doing **PE** on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit (Royal blue t-shirt and navy shorts with black plimsolls) in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school!
- Children will change their library book on a **Wednesday**.
- We encourage all children to bring their blue book bag to school each day to carry their belongings and we will soon issue reading books and library books which will be kept here too.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day so they can access this independently in the classroom when they need too.
- Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school which is clearly labelled.
- Reception children can bring scooters (with a helmet) onto the school yard on a **Friday** and park them by the green container, so they can play on the scooter track at break times.

