



# Reception Newsletter

## Spring 1 – January 2017



Dear Parent / Carer,

This half term our topic is **'Super Heroes'** and the role play area has been changed to a 'Super Hero Control Centre'! We will be using the following texts in Literacy: 'Superworm' - Julia Donaldson; 'How to be a Super Hero' - Sue Fliess; 'Supermoo' - Babette Cole; 'Super kid' - Sarah McIntyre; 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen.

### Dates for your diary:

Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Space Themed day (Catering event)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	5pm Parent's Meeting, Reading/Phonics
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Sight and hearing tests (9.10am)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Visit to Better Trampoline Park
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Super Hero day
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Disco 4pm to 5pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Golden shot event
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents evening – night 1
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents evening – night 2



### Key areas of learning this half-term

#### Maths

- Solving doubling, halving and sharing problems.
- Adding two groups together.
- To sort 2 or 3 items by weight and capacity.

#### Literacy

- To continue a rhyming string.
- To write simple sentences and captions.
- To understand the key events in a story, including the characters and settings.

#### Communication and Language

- To link statements and sticks to a main theme or intention.
- To introduce a storyline or narrative into their play.

#### Key activities and challenges this half term

- Making fruit smoothies.
- Acting out narratives using the puppet show, teacher zone and role play area.
- Creating super hero badges (ICT / craft)
- Creating super heroes (art/literacy)
- Science experiments – ice / dancing raisings / floating egg)

#### PE

- Gymnastics – balance and moving across floor and apparatus; jumping and landing appropriately.

### Routine reminders

- Please continue to send your school book bag folders to school **every day**.
- Children will have PE on **Monday** afternoons.
- Library books should be changed on a Wednesday.
- Reading books will be change on a **Monday** and Dojo points awarded for every day your child has read for the week (Monday to Sunday.) Please remember to log each day they read with any appropriate comments.
- Please make sure your child's water bottle only contains water and is clearly labelled with their name.
- Reception children can bring a scooter to school for the scooter roadway every **Friday**. Could you please ensure scooters have been checked and that your child has a helmet which fits their head.
- Send us a photograph through Dojo, let us know what you have where your adventures have taken you and what your child has been learning.

### Show and Tell

- This half term please encourage your child to bring in an item linked to our topic 'Super Heroes' or to an achievement in their life, for example, a club badge, swimming certificate, etc
- Show and Tell is every **Friday** after lunch.



Thanks to all of you that are signed up to ClassDojo and make use of it as a communication tool.

As a school, we are very conscious of ensuring a good work-life balance and have instructed all staff to set their 'Quiet Hours' for weekdays (between 6.30pm and 7.00am) and over the weekend when notifications won't be pushed to their devices.

We would also like to ensure that ClassDojo is a place for positive communication only. If we need to discuss any behaviour issues with you about your child or if you would like to discuss any concerns with us, we would prefer to do it in person or over the telephone. Please contact staff in the yard or phone the School Office.

### How you can support your child

- Reading as frequently as possible.
- Encouraging them to complete activities on Mathletics to earn 1,000 points for a certificate.
- Practise and read the 'Action Words' and high frequency words.