

# Reception Newsletter September 2018

Hello!

We have had a brilliant start to the year. All the children are happy and settled and are quickly getting used to our routines.

Each half term we produce a newsletter which tells you about the things your child will be learning; how you can help at home and anything exciting which might be happening in school.

## Book bags

Please could you make sure that your child has a book bag in school. These can be bought in the school office. If your child had one in nursery, please make sure that it is in school before Friday.

At first, your child will bring home a library book. Please read through this book with your child, discussing the pictures and story. Books will be changed twice each week, but book bags should be returned every day. Children gain a great deal from hearing a story several times and will often begin to learn to read in this way so please try to read with your child each day.

I will hold a short meeting about how we teach reading in school on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be in the main school at 2.30. Please try to attend so that you will be able to help your child with their reading. There will be a meeting for writing on October 4<sup>th</sup> and one for maths on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Learning Journeys

Each child has a Learning Journey through which we keep track of their progress. As a parent, you are aware of your child's interests and strengths. We would love to include your contributions in the learning journeys and so welcome any photographs, certificates or comments. At the bottom of this letter there is a slip on which you can write your comments.

## Stay and Play

Each Friday parents and carers are invited to stay and play with their child. This is a lovely way for you to learn about how your child is learning through play at school and the children love to show you what they have learned. Children learn much better when they see their parents enjoy being at school too! These sessions will begin on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am. You are welcome to stay for as long as you like and to attend as frequently as you like. We look forward to seeing you!

## Names

Many children are able to recognise their names and many of them are attempting to write them. Please encourage your child to write their name with a capital letter at the beginning followed by lower case letters. There is an example stapled to this letter.

Best wishes

Catherine, Gill and Kath

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Please tell us what your child is good at and what you think he or she should learn next.  
Photos would be very welcome.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_