

# Reception Newsletter January 2020

## Welcome back to school!

### Stay and learn

As you know, parents are invited to come and spend time in school every Friday morning. Although, this is an opportunity for you to enjoy spending time with your child at school, we will have the following focuses:

17/1/19 – opportunity to watch how we teach your child to write

24/1/19 – being a good friend

31/1/19 – enjoying reading

7/2/19 – games to help maths

14/2/19 – coffee morning

### Reading

Many children are now bringing a reading book home alongside their library books. This is a book that your child should read to you, although they will need to be supported, especially at first. We are also beginning to learn some 2 letter sounds such as 'sh' and 'ee'. To help you further, **I will be holding a short meeting for parents on January 23rd at 2.30 in the main school. Please do your best to attend.**

### Maths

In January we will be covering counting and recognising numbers to 100, counting in tens, subtraction, capacity and time. If you would like to know more about how the school teaches maths, **I will be holding a short meeting for parents on January 30th at 2.30 in the main school.**

### Writing

All children are now able to write their names and some letters. This term we will be concentrating on them writing words and short sentences by themselves and on them forming letters correctly. If you would like to know how to help with writing, **I will be holding a short meeting for parents on February 6th at 2.30 in the main school.**

If you are unable to attend these meetings and would like a copy of the materials, please let one of us know and we will talk you through them.

#### Helping at home

- Spend time playing, reading and talking to your child- time spent with an adult is really important
- Only allow 30 minutes of screen time each day
- Take a bus or train journey and talk about what you do and see
- RE – please practise the Our Father and Hail Mary at home as we are learning these prayers at school.
- Teach your child their birthday date and address.
- Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves, including keeping jumpers etc. the right way in
- Talk to them about ways to keep healthy – food, water, exercise, keeping clean

Best wishes

Catherine, Gill and Kath

**Please take a few minutes to fill in this sheet**

How is your child growing and learning?

Do they have any out of school activities or hobbies?

What do they do that makes you feel proud?

Please write about them and return your comments to school. Photographs would be lovely too.

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

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