# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2 2018



# Together through Christ we grow and learn

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

We hope your child has settled in well and you had a lovely half term. This newsletter is to keep you informed of all Reception matters this half term. Please feel free to approach any of the Reception Team before or after school if you have any queries at any time.

This term our new topic is 'Celebrations'. We will be learning about different types of celebrations through all areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum.

# Religious Education

Many thanks for all the Baptism photos you sent in last term. You should by now have them back. We will be consolidating our learning by visiting the Church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. This term, we will be learning about Advent and Christmas through the topic of 'Celebration'.

#### Homework and reading

Homework will continue to be handed out on a Wednesday and collected on a Monday.

# Treasure Time

'Treasure Time' is every Tuesday. We would like all the children to bring in something to show and talk about. This can be any object that is special to them. Please encourage your child to bring in something small which can fit in their bag.

# Library books

We will be encouraging the children to choose a book from the School Library on Thursdays. These can be taken home and read together. Please return the previous books on <u>Thursdays</u> as children may only take one book at a time. If a book is lost at home, please inform the Reception staff so that it can be replaced. You will be asked to pay £5 towards the replacement.

# Foundation stage Assembly

Reception will be performing a special Christmas assembly with Nursery on Friday  $7^{th}$  December at 10.30am. I am sure we will be asking for help with costumes closer to the time! All parents and carers are very welcome to come and watch.

#### School Trips and Events

During this festive season, Reception will be visiting London Zoo Nativity Trail where they will have a special visit to Santa's grotto on the  $14^{th}$  December.

# Lunches

Please note that your child can have school dinners or a packed lunch. If you choose one and it becomes apparent that it is not suitable for some reason please inform the office in advance so that they can make arrangements. Children's lunch boxes need to have their name clearly written on the outside.

# Drinks and Snacks

As part of our Healthy School policy, children will be provided with a piece of fruit every day. Children also need to bring in a school water bottle (or another water bottle of their choice) into Reception every day as this ensures that they can have a drink of water whenever they choose. Please make sure that this is clearly labelled with their name. It can also be helpful to decorate the bottle in some way e.g. with stickers to help your child to identify their own bottle.

# Winter

As the weather gets colder (and wetter!) please ensure that your child has their school coat in school every day so that they can play outside. Hats, scarves and gloves are most welcome too!

Please check the school website and your children's bags daily for further letters and information from school. Many thanks for all your support, from the Reception team.

Miss Savage (Class teacher), Mrs Periera (Teaching assistant) and Miss O'Connell (Nursery nurse).

