



# Reception Autumn Newsletter



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Hello and welcome to the Reception class at St John's!

We have completed our second week now and we are really impressed with how well the children have settled into school life! All of the children are making lots of friends and enjoying exploring our learning environment. The children are well integrated into school life and have joined the rest of school on the playground for lunchtime, we have joined KS1 afternoon play and next week will be joining the whole school for morning play. We are aiming to join family assembly on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you for all your support in preparing the children for school, the way they have settled and come in is a reflection of all that you have done.

## What the Children will be learning

This term our topics are likely to include: Super Me, Superheroes, Dinosaurs, Unicorns, Into the woods and Celebrations including; Diwali and Christmas. We follow the children's interests as we observe and assess them which may mean some of our planned activities will last for differing amounts of time or change completely depending on the children.

In EYFS there are 7 areas of learning and development covered everyday taking place inside and outside the classroom. Please ensure they have a waterproof coat and extra layer (cardigan or jumper) even on warm days as it can turn chilly.

## PE

This week we did our first PE session with the sports coaches! We were all super at getting changed and lots of us managed to put on their PE kit and trainers independently. PE kits need to be in school for the whole of the term. We will have PE on **Wednesday mornings** and **Friday**. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled to avoid them becoming misplaced.

Some of us still need to practice getting dressed independently, socks and tights were our biggest challenge!

## Upcoming Events

### Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
5:30pm

### Welcome Disco

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 17:30pm

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 09:00

### Individual School Photos

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

### Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 14:30-17:30  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 17:00-19:30

### Harvest Festival

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 09:15am @ St John's Church

### Term Ends

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

### Term Begins

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 08:45am

### 'It's Cool to be Kind' Week

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November

### KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December &  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
17:30pm

### Term Ends

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm

## Reading and Phonics

Developing a love of reading during a child's early years is so important. Please share books with your child every day. At this stage, talking about the pictures in the book, how characters may feel and what may happen next is important. This helps children build on the necessary comprehension skills needed to become an independent reader. Children can also spot familiar letters such as those from their name whilst sharing books at home.

Next week we will begin our first set of sounds in our phonics sessions, once we have learnt a few sounds in school the children will bring these home to practise with you! The children will bring home flashcards for the sounds. Please use these cards to practice the sounds daily, you can also make up words with the sound and play games. In a few weeks, the children will begin bringing home books, to share. Initially these will be wordless, but will soon progress to practising the sounds we have been learning. We will also visit the library for children to choose a book, which will then be changed weekly.

## Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who completed their Tapestry agreement. If you have still not completed your form, please do this as soon as possible so we can begin uploading activities for your child's learning journey. It would be appreciated if you could upload observations of your child and their achievements at home. These could be things such as; swimming, riding a bike, baking etc. We then share these moments in the class and the children enjoy talking about and celebrating their successes with their friends.

## Water bottles / Snack

Please can we remind you that it is important that your child has a water bottle in school every day so they can have access to water throughout the day. Children are provided with a snack each day, so do not need to bring their own and sometimes the children will be offered milk.

## Communication from school

We know that starting school is a busy time and there are lots of new systems to get used to. Our main method of communication is via *School Spider*. School spider can be downloaded as an app onto smartphones where you will receive smartphone messages. It is important to make sure you are signed up to the system so you receive letters and other information. If you are unsure as to whether you are signed up please call into the office and they can make sure we have all the relevant information.

Thank you for your support so far. We look forward to working with you throughout this busy and exciting year! 😊