



# Reception Newsletter

“Let Your Light Shine.”

Matthew 5:16

Dear Family and Friends

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and we would like to wish you a Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome all the children back and hear their exciting news from the holidays. We have now entered Spring Term and it is important that the children now become more independent and are able to fasten coats, shoes, put jumpers and cardigans on without help. It is also important that they practise their pencil grip and show a preference for a dominant hand, please encourage colouring, writing their name, playdough, threading, painting and cutting at home so they can strengthen their hands.

To help the children to continue to develop their independence, please encourage them to come into school by themselves each morning. If anyone other than yourself is picking up your child at the end of the day, please be sure to let staff know in the morning otherwise we will need to make contact with yourself before we allow your child to leave the premises with another person.

**Uniform** - Please ensure all your child's school uniform is clearly labelled. Children will use our outdoor area on a daily basis. If you prefer for your child to have their own wellies and a waterproof jacket, please send them into school clearly named. Our P.E. day is Wednesday and Friday. Our P.E. kit comprises of a white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms or leggings, **trainers** and a school jumper or cardigan (P.E. lessons will take place outdoors).

**Topics** - This term we will be looking at Winter, Jack Frost, Polar Bears, Chinese New Year, The Magic Paintbrush, Non-Fiction, Pancake Day, Easter and eggs. In Phonics we will continue to progress through phase 3 and 4. It is vital that you read with your child and use the Active Learn online books alongside the phonics packs to support your child's learning so they are ready for Year 1. In RE we will be learning about Stories Jesus heard and told. In Maths we continue to learn about number and place value, part part whole, subitising, ten frame, number bonds, addition and subtraction and shape.

**Water Bottles** – Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school **every day** and it contains water only, labelled with their name.

**Reading Books** – Please ensure your child reads with you at home, they need to have read their reading book twice before we will change it to show a good understanding of what they have read. Books continue to be changed twice a week. Your child continues to be allocated books on Active Learn, which will be tracked in school. Your child’s password can be found in the front of their Reading Record. The importance and emphasis still remains on reading daily, and this will be monitored by adults in the classroom. Please ensure your child brings their book to school every day regardless of being read at home.

**Homework** – In your child’s Reading Record there is an Elmer the Elephant tricky word sheet. Also, please remember the practise Tricky Word books with your child to promote fluency and reading. We will continue to message when we need phonic packs back so they can be updated and sent back out. Read with me bags will continue to be sent out on Friday and need to be returned by Wednesday.

We hope that the children enjoy their time in Reception. However, if you have any concerns or worries, please don’t hesitate to speak to us or contact us via Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support.

Reception Team

<p><u>Checklist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All school uniform to be clearly labelled.</li> <li>• Named wellies and waterproofs.</li> <li>• A school bag and water bottle which are clearly named.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Important Dates coming up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> January EYFS Balance Bikes</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> January Dogs Trust Workshop</li> <li>• 31<sup>st</sup> January Winter Picnic</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> February House Winners non-uniform</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> February Balance Bike Competition</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> March Rainbow Colours non-uniform</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> March Easter Rabbit Run</li> </ul>
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**Reception Big Questions**



Spring 1 – How can we look after God’s world?

Spring 2 – How do we help care for living things?

