

## Reception Newsletter Autumn 2 2020

This term our topic is called : 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?'. We will be learning about the different seasons of the year. We will also learn about different types of animals and how they adapt to their different environments. Finally we will be exploring different celebrations and festivals such as bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.



### Home Reading

Thank you to all parents who are continuing to read at home 3 times a week. The children are so proud when they receive their reading award . We have had 10 children receive this award so far and hope to see this increase to 20 children this half term!!



### Lunch time

It is so nice to see lots of children taking advantage of the free school meals for all reception children. The children appear to be really enjoying their healthy, warm and tasty dinners at lunch time. If your child is having a packed lunch please ensure that it is a healthy pack lunch and that there are no hard boiled sweets or nuts. This is very important to ensure the safety of children with allergies.

If someone different is coming to collect your child please let us know. You can tell a member of staff or call the school office. We can set up a password to ensure your child's safety. If we do not know the person who is collecting your child and this person has not collected your child previously—We will not let your child go home until we have spoken with a parent. Your child's safety is paramount!

### School day timings

Reminder that the reception children's day starts at 8.40. Please ensure that you are on time as phonics lessons starts immediately. If you are not on time please take your child to the office to avoid any lesson disruptions.

The school day for reception children finishes at 2.50.

### Welcome back.

We hope you all had a good half term break. It is great to see everyone back at school.

It was great to speak to so many of you on our telephone parents evening consultations. Parent –teacher consultations are so important to ensure that we can work in partnership to ensure your child makes lots of fantastic progress. If for any reason you have not yet had your telephone parent-teacher consultation then please speak to a member of staff to rearrange :)

### Red words

On the last day of half term your child was given their first set of red words. Please make sure you are learning these at home with your child. This will have a huge impact on your child's reading and writing and will make reading and writing sentences much easier. We will be assessing your children on these words and children will get new words to learn throughout the year.

### Number sense

This half term in number time we will be learning everything about the numbers 4, 5, 6 and 7. We will be reading and writing numbers, ordering, adding, taking away. Please ask your child what they have been learning during number time or ask a member of staff. We would be more than happy to chat to you about all things number!

### Reminders

As it is getting colder please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing such as coats, hats and scarves. We go outside all year round and want your child to be able to join in the outside fun! **Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name. This is very helpful when trying to find lost items of clothing.**



### Uniform

The children who wear uniform are looking really smart in school. Wearing uniform helps children to feel part of the school team and gives them a sense of belonging. As a matter of safety—no hoop earrings please.