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## RECEPTION HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you and your children had a lovely summer break and it is great to welcome the children into school for their Reception year. The children have settled into school well and are enthusiastic to try different activities and make new friends. We also welcome you as partners in your child's education and we look forward to getting to know you, and your children, much better over the coming year.

As we settle into our first half term and the children get to know the routines and become more comfortable with the full school day, we will be encouraging the children to take part in the activities relating to our topic of "All About Me!"

The children will be doing lots of reading and writing activities, many of which will be based on teaching phonics. These activities will be closely linked to many areas of learning across the curriculum. Number and concepts in maths will also be taught through a variety of practical approaches. The children will hopefully see these tasks as "play and fun!"

The children will access the outdoor classroom area daily. Please provide your child with a warm coat and a pair of wellies. As the weather becomes more wintery a pair of gloves and a hat will also be needed.

Every Monday each class has a more structured PE session. Please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit ready hanging on their peg **with every item named clearly! All earrings must be removed on PE days — thank you for your cooperation.**

Book bags come home each Tuesday and Friday and we would like them to come back to school on Mondays and Thursdays please. A homework book will be coming home weekly with a variety of little tasks to do at home. It is also an opportunity for you to inform us about how your child is coping with these tasks.

On a Friday (beginning 20th September) there will be sets of prepared sounds/words work for you to practise with your child. This is a really important part of helping your child to read and write.



As part of the topic there are some Mondays where we encourage the children to bring an item for "Show and Tell". Each child has the opportunity to talk to the rest of the class about their item. It doesn't have to be a lot - maybe a picture, photograph or item from around the house or from the garden. It would also be helpful for you to rehearse what your child will 'tell' whilst they 'show' their item.

The themes and dates are listed below for **Show and Tell** this half term.

**Monday 16th September:** Me, My Family and My Home

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Our Five Senses

**Monday 14th October:** Autumn

**Throughout the year we will be tasting foods and baking a variety of items with the children. If your child has any allergies concerning different foods please let us know, in writing, and also keep us up to date if these change throughout the year. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Each Friday we will be sending home Care Bear from each reception class, with a child who has shown exceptional kindness and caring during that week. Care Bear will come home for the weekend and we encourage the child to report back on a Monday morning. You are welcome to send in pictures or photographs of your child's weekend with Care Bear.

Marvellous Me is a messaging service that we use to inform you about what your child has been doing during the week, some of their standout achievements and little reminders. The messages come direct to your phone from school. If you don't currently use Marvellous Me, please visit our school office and they will be able to issue you with a joining letter which includes the code for your child.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we do love to have parent helpers in school. If you would be interested and are able to come into help please do let us know. All helpers must be police checked through our school - please see the school office staff for further details.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Reception staff and we will be happy to try and help.

With thanks,

From the Reception Staff

