

# Autumn 1 half term

## Welcome to Reception class

### Staff

*Mrs Sarah Ives (Class teacher)*

*Mrs Katrina Cartner (Higher Level Teaching assistant afternoons)*

*Miss Wendy White (Teaching assistant mornings)*

*Mrs Allison Smith (Teaching assistant afternoons)*

*We would like to welcome the children who are new to our school. We will all be getting to know one another this half term. Reception children will be very tired as they start to have full days in school. There is a lot for children to get used to as they join the rest of the school for assemblies and stay for lunch. Please come and talk to me if you have any concerns.*

### Library books

*Every Monday the children will change their library book and take a new one home to read. Please feel free to write any comments in your child's reading diary about their book and whether or not they enjoyed reading it with you.*

### P.E.

*We go over to the hall for our class P.E. sessions. We have dance sessions on Monday mornings with Rachel and on Wednesday mornings we work on gymnastics and sports skills with Coach David Wise. Please make sure Reception children have their P.E. kit (shorts and a T-shirt in a bag) hanging on their peg in the cloakroom. Children do not need to bring any shoes as we do our lessons in bare feet in the hall. Everyone is encouraged to get changed independently for P.E. Please help your child by allowing some time for them to practise getting dressed and undressed independently at home. Also, please remember that jewellery must not be worn for safety reasons.*

### School dinners

*The dinner menu for the week is on display in the cloakroom. If you feel there is a meal your child would not enjoy you can order a sandwich or a jacket potato for that day. Please order at the office with Mrs Gregory on Monday mornings.*

## **Snack money**

*Snack money for this half term is £3.50 and can be paid any morning in the classrooms. Please hand to a member of staff.*

## **Star Moments**

*We love to hear about what your child achieves at home. It helps us to learn about their interests and means we can talk about them at school. I have sent home a packet of cards with everyone. If your child does something new or special at home please fill in a card and place it in the box in the classroom. There are always more cards available in the classroom. We will put your cards in the children's individual books. Thank you.*

## **Our topic this half term is *Ourselves***

*Amongst other things we will be:*

- Painting pictures of ourselves*
- Looking carefully in a mirror and drawing our features on a face*
- Talking about our families*
- Singing songs about our bodies such as 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes'*
- Finding out about the different parts of our bodies and what they are called*
- Looking at a model skeleton, naming different bones and making our own skeleton pictures.*
- Thinking about ways we can be healthy (diet and exercise)*
- Measuring with our hands and our feet*
- Finding out about our senses of sight, hearing touch, taste and smell*
- Learning about how we grow and change.*

*Please see the cloakroom board for weekly activities*

*If you need to speak to me about anything at all the end of the day is the best time. If you can wait until I have seen all the children out then I will have time to talk to you properly. Individual parent's meetings will be held in November. Details to follow after half term.*

*Thank you*

*Sarah Ives*