

## **Dear Parents/Carers,**

We hope you all enjoyed the half term break. Please find below information about Reception this half term.

### **Staffing**

At the end of last half term, we welcomed 2 teaching students from Manchester Metropolitan University called Miss Murphy and Mrs Codjoe. Miss Murphy and Mrs Codjoe will continue to work in Reception this half term until the penultimate week before the Easter holidays.

### **PE**

P.E. will be on a Friday afternoon. Last half term it has been highlighted that there were a number of children with earrings in during their P.E. day. Please note due to health and safety reasons, children should not wear earrings to partake in P.E. If your child has their ears pierced, please remove their earrings every Tuesday so your child can take part in P.E.

Just as a reminder, school P.E kit includes:

**A white t-shirt**

**Black shorts**

**Black hoodie/ jacket**

**Black jogging Black pumps or trainers**

### **Library Day**

This half term our library day will change to a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child brings their library book back on this day so they can choose a new book to take home.

### **Lost Property**

Last term, we had a number of clothing lost and we have a basket full of clothing with no names on. Please ensure every item, including PE clothes, are labelled so we can return items accordingly. We will continue to bring out the uniform basket at the end of each day (weather permitting).

### **Clothing**

This term, the weather will continue to be cold. As part of our provision, the children will continue to explore the outdoor area on a daily basis. Please ensure your child comes to school every day in a warm coat. Hats and gloves will also be helpful to keep your little one warm.

### **Water Bottles, Reading Folders and Book Bags**

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and their school bag to school every day. With our children making great progress with their Phonics, the children will receive new reading materials on different days. Therefore, please place their reading folder in their bag **every day**.

### **Junk modelling**

This half term we will be creating our own dinosaurs using junk modelling items. Please bring in to school any of the following items to support our creative masterpieces:

- Egg boxes
- Cardboard boxes (small to medium sizes)
- Toilet rolls / kitchen rolls
- Yoghurt pots

### **Ramadan, Eid and Persian New Year**

We know some of our families will be celebrating Ramadan, Eid and Persian New Year this half term. If you celebrate any of these occasions and you would like to come in to school to share how your family celebrates these exciting times, please speak to a member of the Reception team.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Reading Event**

As part of our REAL Project (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) we would like to invite all parents and carers to join us on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9am-10am in the school hall. During the event, you will get to participate in a range of activities to help promote the love of reading and storytelling. Please let a member of the Reception team know if you can join us for this event.

#### **Spring Walk**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, we would like to invite all parents and carers to join us on a Spring walk around St Stephen's church grounds to observe the changes from Winter to Spring. We will set off from school at 9am and will return around 9.30am. Please let a member of the Reception team know if you can join us on our walk.

Please do come and speak with us if you have any questions – one of us is always on the door in the morning and in the afternoon.

Thank you so much for all your support this term; it is so appreciated!

**The Reception Team**