



## Reception Autumn 2 Newsletter

Next half term will be learning about People who help us. We will be thinking about People who help us in the community and nearer to home, focusing on what they do to help us.

Our first week back is very special as the whole school embarks on 'Stick and Mud' week. Over the half term, if you are about on forest walks, please can you collect some sticks for our fun packed week! We will be den-building, painting with sticks, making wands and anything else the children would like to create with their sticks.



### Phonics

The children will be continuing to learn a sound a day and will be working on blending sounds together to read simple words. Please continue to practice regularly with your child the sounds that we are learning in school. We will also be handing out reading books for you to share with your child. Please encourage them to sound and blend words they recognise. Thank you.

### Winter Warmers Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 5.30-6.30pm

Do come along to our special evening where we will share a story and a hot chocolate together. The children may come to our winter warmer session in their favourite pyjamas!

### Trip to Hillier's Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

During our first week back, we will be sending out a letter about our school trip to Hillier's Education Centre. Please ensure your child wraps up warm on the day, as children tend to get cold and muddy when working outdoors! We will put the children's wellington boots and mud suits on in school, before we get on the coach. Please make sure your child has these in school. **The children need to wear school jumpers but do not need to wear school trousers.**

## Travelling Ted

Our newest member of Year R begins school this week. Ted will have the opportunity to come home with your child. Each class has their own travelling Ted for the weekend, to be returned to school the following Monday. Please feel free to add photos or draw pictures of what you have done over the weekend. Please encourage children to mark make too! We will look forward to sharing Travelling Ted's adventures with the rest of the class.



## Christmas Nativity

The Reception children will be performing their own Nativity on the morning of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at St Anne's Church. The children can dress up as any role from the story of the nativity. We will be walking down to the church. Please let the office know if you are able to help. We really hope you can join us.

## Uniform

Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly named. As the weather becomes colder, please make sure any hats, gloves or scarves your child wears to school are also named, as these items do tend to get lost easily. If they are named there is a much better chance of them getting back to your child!

## Important dates

Individual school photos – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Winter Warmers – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Hillier's – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Share a Story – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 8.30 – 8.50am

Year R Nativity at St Anne's Church – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

We are very proud of how your children have settled during their first half term at school! Have a well-deserved week off!

Thank you for your continuing support,  
The Reception Team