

## Hello and welcome!



It has been so exciting welcoming your children into our school! They are settling in well and we look forward to working with them over the coming year.

This newsletter will tell you a little about what will be happening during this first half term and there will be some dates and some reminders for you too.

## Autumn 1 – 'All About Me'

In Reception we don't have set half-termly topics in the same way that Year 1 and 2 do. Instead we have 'themes' that can cover a range of topics. This allows us to follow the interests of the children and the areas they need to develop in.

This first half term our theme is all about ourselves. We will be focusing on building relationships with our adults and the other children in our class. We will share our 'All About Me' books and

talk about the people who are important to us, such as our families and friends. We will be settling into school and becoming familiar with the routines and boundaries.

Over the next few weeks we will begin to prepare our bodies and our hands for becoming writers and we will learn to write our names with the correct letter formation. We will begin to learn and read the letter sounds and blend them into words, during our phonics learning time. We will be working hard on counting groups of objects carefully and accurately and recognising numbers 0-10 and counting forwards and backwards with songs and rhymes.

We will be becoming more independent. We will be getting changed for P.E. and we will be responsible for getting our belongings ready for home-time.

The children will be starting their school dinners next week and we are looking forward to sharing meal times with them. Thank you for your continued encouragement and support.

## Reminders

- Please remember that all children need coat, a pair of wellies and an all-in-one mudsuit / waterproof trousers and top in school at all times. Our 'welly walk' sessions begin very soon and these items will help your children to stay warm and dry and a little less muddy!
- Please ensure all school clothing (including hats, gloves and scarves as the weather turns colder!) and water bottles are named.
- **Tapestry** – Online Learning Journey. Over the next week, we will be setting up your child's online learning journal. If you have not done so already, please could you provide us with an up to date email address, to link your child.
- We will be starting PE next Thursday so please ensure your child has a PE kit in school. We ask that long hair is tied back and earrings are either removed or taped up.
- If any parents/grandparents are interested in gardening and would like to help us enhance our early year's garden, please come and speak to us, we would be grateful for the support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: AUTUMN I

Phonics talk in the hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2pm. Come and find out how your children will be learning phonics.

### Harvest Festival Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

This will be held at 9am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Half term is week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

### Dates for later on in the year

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – We will be holding our first Year R cake sale, straight from school at 3pm in the main playground. We are trying to raise funds to purchase new outdoor equipment for the



Early Years Garden. We would be grateful of any cakes to sell that day. Thank you

### Parent Evenings: Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

These are being held after school during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November. Exact days and times are yet to be confirmed. You will receive an email and link via Parent mail to sign up for your class teacher.

Winter Warmer hot chocolate and story evening – 5.30-6.30pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

School trip to Hillier's in Romsey on Thursday November 22<sup>nd</sup>

-Further details will follow later in the term for both these activities.