

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you had a fantastic half-term holiday and are looking forward to embarking on an exciting new half-term.

'6 weeks in meeting'

It was great to see so many of you at the '6 weeks in' coffee morning. Thank you to those of you who came to hear about learning in Reception and share any of your thoughts and opinions. It is important to us that we keep hearing from you and we will work hard to respond to any comments made. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask, we are always available. Some of you mentioned that you would like a copy of the presentation so we are working on printing out copies that will be available from the class teacher.

Book Looks

We would also like to remind you that Reception book looks are coming up soon. This is an opportunity for you to look at what your children have been learning at school and share their lovely special books with them. This will take place during the afternoon and you will be able to take your child home with you afterwards.

RMP Book Look	Wednesday 13 th November at 2.30pm
REB Book Look	Thursday 14 th November at 2.30pm

Wow Moments

At the '6 Weeks In' coffee morning we introduced Wow Moments. This is our way of hearing a little bit more about what your child gets up to outside of school. After all, nobody knows your child the way you do, and we know that the children do a lot of amazing things! A Wow Moment could be anything: a comment about a family trip, a quote regarding an observation your child has made or the first time your child has achieved something. All you have to do is take one of the Wow Moment slips from outside of the classrooms and write a brief comment. You can attach a photo or even something your child has made. Then hand it back to your teacher and your child will be able to share this moment with their friends in class. We will then display this in the classroom. We hope that you will enjoy doing this and hope to see lots of lovely Wow Moments in class. If you are unsure about this please feel free to ask us any questions you might have.

Tapestry

Tapestry is an online program for observations and was introduced during the '6 Weeks In' meeting. We asked parents to check and confirm their email addresses and you should have received an email asking you to do the same thing. We are now working on checking all this information and adding this to Tapestry. Please keep checking for an email inviting you to set up an account. We hope to have this completed as soon as possible so that you can start accessing your child's online journal and enjoying the lovely observations taken of their time at school. If you do have further questions about this then please ask one of the teachers and we will do our best to answer these for you.

Forest School

Despite the weather's best efforts all of Reception had a fantastic first Forest School session. The children loved the natural environment and lots of fun was had by all who attended. We are lucky to have a few more

sessions lined up but unlike the rest of the school our sessions are spread out across the year, so we can explore the different seasons. The next session will happen in the new year so look out for letters with further information.

Book Worm

We would like to introduce 'Book Worm' mornings during this second half of Autumn term. This is just an opportunity to sit together, share a book and hear your child read. Book worm will begin on 5th December and will then be every Thursday morning. You do not have to attend every session, these are optional and we understand that parents have other important commitments. Feel free to attend any Book Worm sessions that work for you and don't worry if you can't attend, members of staff will be there to read with the children too!

Other dates for your diary

Parent Consultations	RMP: Wednesday 20 th November and Thursday 21 st November
	REB: Tuesday 19 th November and Thursday 21 st November
Book Worm	Every Thursday from 5 th December
EYFS Nativity Performance	Tuesday 10 th December

Just a few reminders

Uniform: Now that the weather is getting colder, please can you ensure that children bring in coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Please can you check these items of clothing are clearly named. We love using the outdoor environment in all types of weather and so need the children to be prepared.

Packed Lunches: Lunch staff have asked that children who bring in a packed lunch have a drink inside their lunchbox that is separate to their water bottle. This means that children will have plenty to drink throughout the day and their bottles will not get lost.

Toys: We have noticed that children have been bringing their own toys in to Reception. Staff ask that toys and personal belongings stay at home as it is so easy for things to get lost or broken. If you have previously agreed with the class teacher that your child may bring in an item as it will support with their learning then these are still permitted at school. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Early Years team. Although we may not always be able to speak to you in depth at the beginning or end of the day, you can make an appointment to see any member of the EYFS teaching staff after school to discuss any concerns or ideas you may have. We look forward to seeing you at the parent teacher consultations.

Warm regards,

The Early Years Team