



## Reception Autumn Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to parents evening. We hope you found it helpful to hear how your child is settling in and to get ideas on how you can help them to achieve their next steps.

### **Our new topic**

Over this half term we will be finding out about 'celebrations'. The children will be learning all about different festivals and events that happen in the UK and around the world. We have explored Halloween, Fireworks Night and Diwali. Later in the term we will of course be learning all about Christmas and getting ready for our Christmas celebration show!

During this half term we will also be exploring light and dark. As part of this we will be investigating dark places, shadows and using torches. We are also very busy learning our phonic sounds every day. Children are growing in confidence, building on their skills and they are using their sounds more in their reading and writing. We will continue to send home weekly 'sound' homework.

### **PE**

The children will be experiencing some PE skills sessions outside and are welcome to wear an outdoor PE kit. Jogging bottoms and a long top with outdoor trainers would be ideal. As always, please label any items of clothing. Named clothing can usually find its way back home!

### **Outings and Events**

- We have invited the staff from both St. Helens pre-school and Costessey pre-school to come back and see how well the children are settling and getting on in their new classes. This will be happening over the next few weeks.
- A librarian from Costessey Library will be coming in to meet all the children, read some stories and talk to us about our local library.



## **Open sessions**

We have arranged a number of open days for families to drop in and have a look around the school, meet some of the staff and explore the classroom and learning environment. We are hoping to hold some open days at the Junior site also so parents can see where the children will be starting.

## **Save the Date! Reading Meeting.**

We will be holding a meeting on **Friday 23rd November** at **5:15pm – 5:45pm**. This is an opportunity to find out how we teach phonics, see the resources we use and to find out more about RWI and ask questions. Your children do not need to attend.

## **Save the date! The Christmas Show.**

You are invited to come and watch our Christmas show. The dates are as follows:

- 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am
- 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am

Information on tickets for these events will follow shortly.

## **Save the date! Christmas Crafts!**

And lastly, on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, from **1:00pm**, please join us for the afternoon to join in with making a variety of Christmas crafts. There will be mince pies and music!

As always, if you have any questions regarding your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes  
The EYFS Team

