11th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Reception! It has been an exciting start to the term, getting to know your child and meeting family members. Our topic this half term is My Family. It would be great if you could spend some time with your child talking about your family. We would love it if you could bring some photographs of family members into school to share with the class. In the week beginning 9th October, each class will be having their own family afternoon. More details to follow.

Soon your children will be bringing home their first school reading book. Don’t be surprised if there is no text in their book as we encourage the children to use the pictures to tell and develop their own stories. Your child will also have a reading journal. Reception staff will record reading done in school and this is also a great opportunity for you to record how your child is doing at home. Alongside their reading book your child will be given sound sheets as they learn new sounds in phonics. As the year progresses key words will be sent home to encourage speed reading.

On Wednesday 4th October Mrs Davies will be running a **story sack workshop**. There will be a workshop at 9:10am or 3:00pm. We hope you will be able to attend one of these sessions. Each workshop will last approximately 20 minutes.

Just a little reminder for you to check that all of your child’s items of clothing are clearly labelled, including coats and shoes. Please note that large hair accessories are not part of the school uniform.

Don’t forget to let us know if your child has done anything special outside of school or if they achieve something for the first time, eg fasten their coat, write their name, ride a bike. We are sending home some **News From Home** slips for you to take home and fill in with your child.

Thank you for your continuing support and if you have any questions don’t hesitate to ask a member of staff.

**Reception 1 Class Teacher:** Mrs Davies

**Reception 2** **Class Teacher:** Mrs Ellis-Barker – Assistant Head for Foundation Stage

**Reception 3 Class Teacher:** Miss Meadowcroft

**Associate Staff:** Mrs Meakin, Mrs Arato, Mrs McCormack, Miss Malone, Miss O’Shea, Miss Craven