



22nd September 2016

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Don't forget to let us know if your child has done anything special outside of school. We will be displaying **News From Home** slips outside the classrooms 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  
Associate Staff: Mrs Goldsborough

### **Reception 2**

Class Teacher: Mrs Ellis-Barker – Foundation Phase Leader  
Associate Staff: Mrs Meakin and Mr Ahmed

### **Reception 3**

Class Teacher: Miss Dixon  
Associate Staff: Mrs White

