



Kirkstall Valley Primary School

Reception Newsletter: Autumn 2

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a lovely break. Thank you for all your support during last half term. The children have all settled in amazingly and are enjoying learning new and exciting things every day.

Festivals

This half term we are learning about **Festivals and Celebrations** as it is a time of year packed with festivals - we can't wait to celebrate them all! As the half term progresses we will be celebrating lots of different festivals. This week we



will look at all things Bonfire Night & Diwali. As the term progresses, we will look at Christmas.

If you celebrate any of these festivals at home with your children we would love to know all about it!

Reading Books and Book Bags

From next Friday your child will receive their first reading book. Over the course of the week your child will read a chosen book with an adult, linked to their phonics learning, focusing on three key aspects of reading. At home, we ask that you listen to and encourage your child, supporting their fluency and enjoyment of the book. Please add your own comments into your child's reading record when you have read at home.

To ensure smooth organisation across school, please note the following:

- All reading books must be returned on **Thursdays**
- New books will then be issued on **Fridays**
- If a reading book is not returned, a reminder letter will be sent home
- If the book has still not returned by Monday a **£5 replacement cost** will be issued.

Water and snacks



During the day children are provided with milk and fruit. Please provide your child with an individual water bottle - please ensure it is clearly labelled and **only contains water**. Additional snacks brought from home are not permitted.

P.T.O

Phonics!

As you are aware we have started our phonics journey and are learning new sounds at a fast pace.

The sounds we have learnt so far are:

s a t p i n d m g
o c k ck e u
f l r h b ff ll

The tricky words we have learnt so far are:

the I is

Please practise these sounds at home. Children need to be able to:

- recognise the sounds
- hear and write the sounds in simple CVC words
- read simple CVC words using the sounds we have learnt

Example words:

sat pin sock net cup

Example captions:

a big cat

a fat hen

PE



We have very much enjoyed our first half term of P.E. lessons. Reception's P.E. day remains a **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child comes in school PE kit on this day.

- Black or blue shorts • White or blue plain T-shirt • Appropriate PE footwear such as trainers

Children may wear their usual school jumper or cardigan over their PE top.

On colder days, children are permitted to wear plain navy or black/grey joggers/tracksuit bottoms or leggings (not jeans) instead of shorts and/or a plain navy or black/grey track suit top.

Christmas Performances



Yes, it's that time already! There will be two show performances – one at 9.30am and one at 1.45pm. These will be on different days so we can try accommodate as many of you as possible. The shows will take place in the **week commencing 8th December** but please bear with us as we are just in the process of confirming the exact dates.

I will also be sending out your child's part in the show. Some children will have a line(s) to learn. If your child has a line, please practise this with them (in a nice loud, clear voice) ☺. I will also send out any costume requirements. Please do not feel like you need to go out and buy something new, often we will just need a plain coloured top and trousers. I will be sending out details very soon!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who participated in Parents' Evening before half term. It was lovely to chat to you all and to share the children's achievements. I am always available to talk if you require any support with your child's learning or have any concerns.



We hope all the children have another fantastic half term in Reception and, as always, if you have any questions or concerns please speak to Mrs Cannan or a member of the team. Thank you from all the Reception Team ☺

Library Books

On a **Tuesday afternoon**, Reception visit the school library (which we love!) where children can choose their own book to borrow and take home. Please try to read this with your child. As the level of the book your child chooses may vary, it will probably mean that you need to read this to them. Above all, it is most important that you and your child share and enjoy books together.

Please ensure that your child's library book is in their book bag every **Tuesday** so your child can have the experience of choosing a new book!

