Friday 23rd September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow! What a wonderful week we have had in Reception! I hope your child has enjoyed their first full week We have enjoyed lots of things this week

- Phonics we have begun our whole class phonics sessions where the children are introduced to a different letter within Phase 2 Phonics each day. This week we have learnt; s; a; t.
- PE with Ms Jones. The children coped very well getting changed it only took us 50 minutes! They need lots of practise, especially with socks. We enjoyed warm up games, played traffic lights and learnt how to travel safely in the hall going forwards and backwards and we balanced a quoit on our heads too. Please ensure your child's shorts and t-shirt are named, most weren't and neither were their school clothes, so we had a few mixups. unfortunately.
- Pizza delivery On Wednesday Miss Sherwin ordered a pizza from a local pizza delivery which the children enjoyed in the afternoon. This was to launch our Pizza delivery role play area.



### <u>Drop in session</u>

Just a reminder that drop in sessions are every Monday from 8:40. We invite you into class to learn with your child and see what they have been doing. Please have a look at and contribute towards your child's Learning Journey.

# **Phonics**

We have learnt the following sounds in Phonics this week.

> S а †

Please practise the sounds along with the action and letter rhyme at home.

## Reading Records

We will be collecting Reading Records with reading books each day in a wooden box in the classroom. We are looking to see who has been reading at home. In school we have a reading tree. Please see below for more details:

#### PE kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit within school. Children will be doing PE on Tuesday afternoons with Ms Jones and they need: Plain white t-shirt (without buttons)

Black shorts

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#### Wellie boots

As the weather changes and we have more rainy days the children need to be prepared to go outside in all weathers! In school we have waterproof trousers and coats but we please ask that you bring in a labelled pair of wellie boots so that we can be outside, even in the puddles!

## Mobile Phones

Please note that under school policy we ask you to not use your mobile phone on the school premises, especially in the classroom. Please do not take any photographs of children in the school setting. Details of this can be found in our school policy. We will be happy to share this with you.

#### Library books

We will be sending children home with a book that they have chosen from the school library. Please put these in book bags on Mondays as this will be our designated slot to change them each week

### School Reading Tree:

Reading is a fundamental part of children's development and with this in mind, we love to hear about the reading that takes place at home. When you read with your child at home please write this within your child's reading record. Staff will be looking inside Reading Records daily so see who has been reading at home. Children can receive different rewards to be a part of our whole school reading tree by reading the following amount of books:

- ❖ 5 books = a leaf reward
- ♦ 10 books = a flower reward
- 15 books = an owl reward
- 20 books = an owl with a crown reward

The children get to write their own name on their reward and take it down to the reading tree with an adult from class. Kind regards,

The Reception Team