

# Reception Newsletter

18th November 2016

## This week in Reception

A busy week ending with the Bake Off for Children in Need. Many thanks for your donations including cakes and money. All of the school got together in the hall this morning to find out more about why it was a non-uniform day and why we were all dressed in spotty clothes. A very worthwhile cause. The children looked great all dressed up.

The children attended an assembly on online safety this week. The main focus for the younger children was to **think before you click**. Sophie from ParentZone talked to the children about being safe online.

As the weather is getting colder and we do have access to the outdoors throughout the day please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves to wear. If your child has an old pair of wellies that can be left in school that would be great and even if they have all-in-one waterproofs, these too could be left in school for the week and brought home on Friday. School does have some but any extra ones would be great.

Our focus this week in class was preparing for a birthday party linking with our topic on Special Times. It was the puppy's birthday (Dougie in Miss Melling's class and Floppy in Mrs Riley's class). During the week we have been making spotty party hats (linking with Children in Need day), replying to the birthday invitation we were given and making birthday cards and baking cakes. All of these activities help the children to see a purpose for writing, reading (recipes and sample birthday cards) and use maths language. We voted for the cakes we would like to bake from a selection of recipes we were given and talked about why we did this; that it was the fairest way of deciding.

In daily phonics sessions this week the focus was on the graphemes j, y, qu, z and zz. Tricky words were **she** and **he** and time spent recapping previous tricky words **I**, **no**, **go**, **to** and **the**. The children's progress in reading is really pleasing. Please don't forget to add your comments to the reading record book.

Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school.

A reminder that snack money is £1. The Asda visits are such a worthwhile activity and the children choose how the money on a weekly basis is spent. The staff in Asda comment consistently on the excellent behaviour and manners of your children making us very proud. If you have difficulties in paying for snack please speak to a member of staff.



*Best Wishes*  
*The Reception Team*