

# Reception Newsletter

18th September 2015

## This week in Reception

A reminder that from Monday the school day will end at 3:05pm. Many thanks for your support over the last few weeks as the children have settled into school and are now ready for the full school day.

If you haven't already done so could you please return **Emergency Contact Forms**, **Permission Slips** and also let us have your email address so we can begin sending photographs to you of your child's learning journey through reception.

Today your child has brought home a maroon school bag. This is to be used on a daily basis to bring library books back to school to change on a daily basis. The aim is to create a daily reading habit to encourage a love of reading. Bedtime is an ideal time to share a book. The clear bag given out last week will now only be used for homework which will begin next Friday and is returned to school the following Monday.

Our daily phonic lessons are going really well. This week we have focussed on the letter sounds (phonemes) s, a, t, p and i. Ask your child if they can spot any on your way home from school as shop names or when shopping on labels and so on. We have been singing lots of number rhymes involving adding numbers and taking numbers away as a way of introducing maths language. For example **5 Little Ducks went swimming one day**, **5 Little Speckled Frogs**, **1 2 3 4 5 Once I caught a fish alive** are great number songs the children enjoy singing and they can use their fingers as they count.

PE kits can be brought to school and kept in school until half-term. Children will begin to get un/dressed for PE in a couple of weeks time so please encourage your child at home to get un/dressed themselves as much as possible to encourage independence. Please make sure all your child's uniform and coat is labelled with their name. This makes lost items much easier to find.

This week we went into the hall with Mr Lucas for a singing assembly which the children loved. We have some great singers and movers.

We have a snack table where healthy drinks and snacks are available through the day. The cost is £1.50 per week which can be sent to school each Monday in an envelope with your child's name written on. If you didn't pay last week's snack money please pay two weeks this week.

If you have any further queries please feel free to speak to any member of the Early Years Team.

*Best Wishes*  
*The Reception Staff*

