

# Latchford St James Church of England Primary School



*'The best that we can be'*

## Newsletter - Autumn 2016

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you all to Reception and look forward to working with you during the year. In Reception the teacher is Mrs. Yates and the teaching assistants are Miss Peever and Mrs Hardman. Please look at our new school website at for all the latest information.

So far the children have all settled down well and seem to be enjoying their new class. Part time school days helps us to get to know the children well and helps them to be happy and confident before spending a full day in school.

May I take this opportunity to remind you of a few important things:

### Drink Bottles

All children should have a named water bottle (not juice) that is left in school. We fill them each day and send them home on a Friday to be washed.

### Snack Money and Dinner Money

Snack money of £1.50 should be sent in a **named envelope** on a Monday morning. The children have a snack provided in the morning such as yoghurts, crackers and cheese, toast. All children will receive a piece of fruit during the afternoon. Children are not allowed to bring their own snack into reception and we try to encourage the children to try a variety of healthy foods.

### Reading bags

Reading bags should be brought to school every day. We encourage children to be independent and to put any letters for home in them. Please check your child's bag each day for any information being sent home. We will try to hear children read twice a week and we would ask that you hear your child read daily and sign their reading diary each time. Regular practise of such a vital skill really does make a difference to your child.

### PE Kit

Children need a **named** PE kit that is to be left in school on their coat peg. Dance is on a Tuesday and PE is on a Wednesday but kits should be left in school all week in case of any changes to the timetable. The kit is a white t-shirt, purple shorts and pumps. If your child has their ears pierced please remove the earrings or cover them with plasters. Plasters for earrings can be put in their PE bag.

### Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is named. All children should bring a waterproof coat to school each day as we do play outside in all weathers whenever possible.

During this term we will be studying the following:

### English

In our English work we will be looking at stories with familiar settings and experiencing different kinds of writing from these stories, e.g. writing lists, descriptions, invitations, recounts.

We will be learning to write our names and learning to form our letters correctly with no reversals.

We will have daily phonics lessons to learn new sounds, practise these sounds and be able to apply them in our reading and writing. Our homework will be linked to our phonics.

## Maths

We will be learning to count, order and write numbers to 10 and beyond. We will then begin to use these numbers practically in addition and subtraction. Whenever we write our numbers we will learn to form them correctly with no reversals.

Also we will look at 2D shapes and money. In our maths we will be learning to use lots of different maths vocabulary correctly.

## RE

In our RE we will cover the topics of 'I am Special', 'Harvest', 'Baptism', and 'Christmas'.

## Homework

During the term the children will begin to bring home a small amount of homework. Every child will have homework to do which will be sent home on a Thursday and will need returning by the next Wednesday. This homework is in addition to the reading books that your child will bring home. Please read with your child every night, even if only for a few minutes. **The children are responsible for putting their completed work in the homework tray and reading books in the reading basket.**

If you ever have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to speak to us, as it is vital that we work together to help your child have a happy and successful year in school. If you are unable to speak to us at school please ring and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs K Yates- Class Teacher and Phase Leader

Miss Peever- Teaching Assistant

Mrs Hardman- Teaching Assistant.