



## Autumn 2

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30-10.30 (RGW) and  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov (RF) Spring Bulb Planting  
in our Outdoor Classroom.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Anti-bullying Week -  
(Wear Odd Socks on Monday!)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Lunch and  
Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - EYFS Winter Show (2.30pm)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last day of term

SPRING TERM - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 Children  
return to school

**MESSAGES** - Thank you for all of your support  
last half term. The children have had a  
fantastic start to the year and we are  
delighted with how well they have all settled  
in to Reception!

**NEW TOPIC - Superheroes and Everyday Heroes!**  
**Superhero Day-** as part of our topic focus we  
will be dressing as Superheroes on **Wednesday**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.** We encourage children to come  
dressed as their favourite super hero.

If you have any heroes in your family, past or  
present, please let us know via email, as we  
would love to share them with our classes. A  
picture of them would be great too. Also, if  
you or a relative does a job that falls under  
the 'People Who Help Us' banner, we would love  
to hear more about the role.

**SPRING BULB PLANTING** - Please can we have  
donations of Tulip Bulbs and Cyclamen plants  
for our hanging baskets. We would welcome a  
couple of parent volunteers to help with  
planting. Please email the class teacher.

## Reception Learning Letter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

**MATHS** - Areas of learning this half term will  
focus on; 'The Fiveness of Five,' securing  
counting skills, the composition of numbers to  
5 and looking at and comparing amounts. We  
will also look at 2D shapes and their  
properties.

**FOREST SCHOOL** - Forest School will continue  
this half term in all weathers. The Golden  
Garden can be particularly muddy at this time  
of year so please continue to send your child  
in wearing full waterproofs and a plastic bag  
for their muddy kit. Spare socks are a must  
too please.

**PHONICS** - We will be finishing learning our  
phase 2 graphemes and introduce some tricky  
words. A tricky word is a word that is not  
phonetically decodable. and is therefore just  
learned as a whole. During phonics lessons we  
are practising our letter formation and  
starting to spell some 3 letter words. Please  
support your children to practise their letter  
formation at home too. They could do so in  
sand or flour, or with pen and paper to  
practise their pencil grip too. **Please note:**  
the children are not taught cursive writing in  
Reception.

**Reception NATIVITY** - This term, Reception will  
be performing 'A Miracle in Town' for our  
Christmas nativity. We will send out  
information about costumes nearer the time.

**GENERAL REMINDERS** - Please ensure your child  
is dressed appropriately for the winter  
weather (e.g.: warm waterproof coats and  
shoes) and remember to label your child's  
clothing, including hats, scarfs and gloves.  
Please can you also make sure that your child  
has a change of spare clothes that they can  
keep on their peg.

**JUNK MODELLING** - We welcome clean donations of  
cardboard boxes in all shapes and sizes (up to  
a cereal box) and small plastic containers.  
Please hand to your teacher at the gate.

**Contacting teachers (between 8am - 6pm only)**

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Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

**THE RECEPTION TEAM**

