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We aspire that through the love of Jesus everyone  
should "have life and have it to the full."

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Dear Families of Reception Class,

Welcome to Reception Class. This has been your child's first week at school. It has been a big week for them, for you and for us too!

The Reception Team includes: Miss Whately (Class Teacher) and Mrs Nixon and Mrs Mackenzie (Teaching Assistants). We want you to know what a privilege it is to teach your child. Children are all unique and precious and we will do our very best to ensure that they are safe and happy in our care.

This year, your child will experience many exciting learning opportunities that will encourage them to explore, create, imagine, investigate and discover. I have included some of the activities we will be enjoying in Reception this term.

Autumn 1							
Marvellous Me, New School, Harvest, Autumn – Seasonal Changes							
Maths	Literacy	Phonics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Language and Communication	Personal, Social and Emotional	Physical Development
Subitising  Counting, cardinality and ordinality  Composition  Comparison  Shape, space, measure  pattern	We're Going on a Bear Hunt  Three Little Pigs  The Colour Monster  Goldilocks and the Three Bears  Not Now Bernard	<b>Phase 2 Graphemes</b> s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f l  <b>Tricky Words</b> is I the	Families  People who help us  Harvest	Self portraits  House modelling  Rhymes and rhythms  Harvest Songs	Making friends  Family role play  Following instructions  Sharing facts about themselves	Being Me in the World	Healthy food  Keeping fit  Keeping clean  Multi-ball Skills
Autumn 2							
Hibernating, Evergreen and Deciduous Trees, Bonfire Night, Christmas							
Subitising  Counting, cardinality and ordinality  Composition  Comparison  Shape, space, measure  pattern	Room on the Broom  Hansel and Gretel  Billy and the Beast  The Magic Porridge Pot  The Christmas Pine  The Gingerbread Man	<b>Phase 2 Graphemes</b> ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk  <b>Tricky Words</b> put pull full as and has his her go no to into she push he of we me be	Seasonal Changes – Autumn  Hibernating Animals – Hedgehog  Stranger Danger  Christmas in the Past  Christmas Around the World	Textures and Materials  Designing Hibernation Homes  Tchaikovsky - Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy  Grieg – In the Hall of the Mountain King  Firework Art – 3D Rockets  Poppy Art	Retelling stories  Story language  Word hunts  Listening and responding to stories	Celebrating Difference	Gymnastics

## **Homework**

Each week, your child will take home two books:

- A **decodable book**, which has been matched to their phonic knowledge. Please listen to your child read this book.
- A **sharing book**, which your child has chosen from the school library. Your child is not expected to read this book. Please read this book to your child to develop their love of reading.

Both books will be changed weekly, on a Friday. We encourage the children to read the same book several times to develop their fluency.

We expect every child to read at home at least 5 days a week. This must be recorded in their reading record. Please record the date, title of book and any comments about your child's reading e.g. *"lovely reading found the word 'dog' difficult"* or *"She really enjoyed listening to this story and asked lots of questions"* **Please ensure your child brings their reading book and record into school every day.**

Your child will also receive weekly letter formation practice. This will correspond with the sounds taught in school each week.

## **Dates for the Diary**

### **Autumn 1**

**19.9.23:** Phonics Information Meeting

(There will be two sessions on this date. You can either attend at **14:30** or **18:00**)

**5.10.23:** Harvest Assembly at 14:30

**9.10.23:** If possible please may we have donations of seasonal fruit and vegetables for our class 'Harvest Supper'

**16.10.23 – 19.10.23:** Book Fayre

**17.10.23:** Trip (morning only)

**23.10.23 – 24.10.23:** Parent/Teacher Meetings

**26.10.23:** Last day before Half Term

### **Autumn 2**

**6.11.23:** School Re-Opens

**10.11.23:** Individual Photographs

**22.11.23:** Flu Vaccinations

**30.11.23:** Trip (morning only)

**w/b 11.12.23:** Nativity Performance (dates tbc)

**21.12.23:** Last day before Christmas

*New dates will likely be added as the term progresses so please read the weekly school newsletter to stay updated.*

## **PE Kit/ Spare Uniform/ Wellies**

PE is every Monday. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every week. The PE kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps/ black trainers. **NO BRANDS or other colours.**

You may also like to provide a spare pair of underwear/ socks/ school shirt/ trousers /dress etc in case your child has an accident or gets wet/messy during the day. Whatever happens, it is handy to have a spare uniform for the children to change into if needs be. A pair of wellies, to be kept in school, is also very useful.

### **Tapestry and Facebook**

Tapestry is a wonderful tool that enables you to share in your children's learning and engage in their daily experiences at school. I will also be using Tapestry to keep you informed of any important dates, notices, requests etc. so please check it regularly.

If you are new to tapestry at Our Lady's, you will be emailed a link to register by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please follow the link to register and then download the app to your device.

We also use Facebook to share all the wonderful things going on in Reception so, if you haven't already, please follow Our Lady's Primary School on Facebook.

If you ever have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office on the contact information above.

Warm wishes

Miss Hannah Whately and the Reception Team