

# Reception Newsletter

September 2013

## Welcome!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your children to Reception and to St Laurence Church Infant School. It has been lovely to meet parents who are new to the school and welcome back those who have had other children in Reception in previous years. We hope that this will be the beginning of a new adventure and three happy and exciting years in school.

### Hand Over Arrangements

The children are getting very good at lining up on the playground in the mornings. To ensure your child's safety, please could we ask you to move towards the back of the line, away from the planters and the steps once you know your child is in the line. The teachers will then be able to see the whole of their line as we walk them into school. Please wait until you are happy your child has gone safely into school before you leave the playground.

### Incy Wincy Spider Workshops

We will soon be sending you a letter inviting you to attend our Incy Wincy Spider Workshops with your child. It is important that every child has an adult to work with them. If you are unable to come, this adult could, for example, be a grandparent or a family friend. They will be held at **9.05 - 11.00:**

**Red Class**

**Monday 7th October**

**Blue Class**

**Tuesday 8th October**

**Yellow Class**

**Wednesday 9th October**

### Reading

The children are bringing home books in their book bags and have received word cards. Next week we will begin to send home letters and sounds cards. We have set aside some time at the start of the Incy Wincy Spider Workshops to talk to you about how you can use these items to support your child with their reading at home. If you would like to comment on your child's reading, please feel free to write a message in the yellow Reading Diary for us to see. Please could you ensure that your child brings their book bag, containing the items we have given them, into school every day and that water bottles are not kept inside them.

### Learning Focus

This week we have had a Nursery Rhyme focus. This has allowed the children to start with things that are familiar to them and given them the opportunity to get to know each other by learning new names and routines. Next week, we will start thinking about our 'favourite things', we will begin with the teacher's favourite topic and then for the next four weeks we are going to grow our curriculum around what the children like. We are looking forward to really getting to know your child through this child-initiated approach to learning. In the past we have had a 'dinosaur' week, and a 'wizards' week. Please could you talk to your child to find out what they would really enjoy learning about and send the following slip in to your teacher. The final week before half term will be our Healthy School Week.



**Thank you, from the Reception Team:**

Mrs McFall, Mrs Anyanegbu, Mrs Hodgkiss, Mrs Meara, Mrs Joyner, Mrs Pell, Mrs Wells and Miss Hall

I would really like to learn about \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

