



# St Clement Danes Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

The children have made a super start to their year in Reception. I hope everyone enjoyed the well-deserved half term break.

### Curriculum

Our topic for this half term is *Let's Celebrate!* In Reception, we encourage the children to develop **Characteristics of Effective Learning** through *Playing and Exploring*, *Active Learning* and *Creative and Critical Thinking*. Throughout the term, the children will continue to engage in a broad range of activities to support and challenge their learning across 7 areas of development, both inside and outside the classroom:

- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✓ Communication and Language
- ✓ Physical Development
- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Understanding the World
- ✓ Expressive Arts and Design



### Book Bags

Please remember to check your child's book bag *every day* and remove any letters that you have been given. Book bags should be brought to school containing, the Library Book, Yellow Reading Record book and the Phonics Reading Book that your child has finished reading on Wednesdays, and the green-zipped Flashcards bag on Thursdays. We have spoken with the children about this but if you can please ensure all toys from home *remain at home* and school toys remain at school, it would be greatly appreciated!



### Reading at Home

Thank you so much for all the support and time you've given to reading with your child at home; it is hugely appreciated and immensely beneficial to your child. The comments that you write in the yellow Reading Record are extremely helpful too. We change Reading books on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child is reading the book at home for at least 5 minutes *every day* to build confidence and fluency. Most books also have activity suggestions or discussion ideas inside the front or back cover.



### Flashcards

We are very grateful for the time and effort that you are putting into helping your child learn their flashcard words at home. We continue to monitor the children's progress regularly and, when we are confident that your child can read and write the words in a range of contexts, we will sign them off on the progress sheet (kept inside the clear plastic folder with the green zip) and we give them a new set of flashcards to learn. These new flashcards are sent home in the plastic folder on Wednesdays.



### Dinosaur Treasure Hunt

Thank you for all your generous sponsorship! The children in EYFS have raised a brilliant £404 which will be used to buy resources for the children to use in their day-to-day learning.





### Contribution Money

Thank you so much for all your donations! Your voluntary contributions of between £1 and £5 per half term are helping us to buy lots of extra resources, such as ingredients for cooking and craft materials, to further enrich the curriculum for the children. Many thanks!



### Punctuality and Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to arrive at school on time every day! Please be reminded that any child who arrives after 9.00am is marked as late.



### Outdoor Learning

As a lot of our learning in Reception takes place outside, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm **black or navy blue coat** (ideally waterproof on a rainy day) and with **black or navy blue gloves**, a **scarf** and a **warm hat** as the wintry weather sets in. School hats and scarves can be purchased via the school website. If your child does not have a St Clement Danes scarf and hat, they should wear a **black or navy blue** one please. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Thank you!



### Nativity Play

The children will soon begin to prepare for the EYFS Nativity Play which we look forward to performing for you in December! We will be doing lots of practising at school and we will be very grateful if you can practise the songs at home too. Details will follow soon! Please note that due to the recently announced election, the Nativity Play has been moved to **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am** in the school hall.

With best wishes and many thanks for your continued support,

Ms Jessica Crook  
Class Teacher

### Upcoming Diary Dates

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – Non-Uniform Day: children are invited to dress in nautical themed clothes to celebrate St Clement's Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – PTA Christmas Fair

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity Play and Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to swap their school jumper for a Christmas Jumper and donate £1 to the 'Save the Children' Charity.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2:15pm** – Christmas Service at Church

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2:00pm** – Break up for Christmas Holiday

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return for the new term. School begins at 9:00am.