



# Reception Newsletter

## Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> half term



*'Only my best is good enough for me.'*

The children are settling well into the school routine. They have been making new friends and trying lots of new and different activities. They have access to both classrooms and the outside learning area every day. We have all been pleased with how well they are settling and even those who still find mornings a bit tricky are happy during the day.



Our topic has been 'Do you want to be friends?' We have focussed on making friends and how to be a good friend. The children have certainly been making lots of new friends. We have also been recognising when others are helpful or are kind to each other and rewarding others for doing these things. We have focussed on the children enjoying having a go at writing, making sure they are holding the pencil correctly and starting the letters in the right place. They are all getting so much better at this.

The children have been doing really well with getting themselves changed for PE. Please continue encouraging them to do as much as they can independently- it gives them so much more confidence in class. Thank you for labelling their clothes, it makes it so much easier to make sure the children are putting the right clothes back on! Please note, pinafores are NOT part of the school uniform.

Next half term our topic will be, 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?' We will be going on an autumn walk to Harrow Lodge Park to collect autumnal items on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. If children want to collect extra ones during the half term break we would love them to bring in what they have found.

We will be hosting our first 'Stay and Play' morning where you will have the chance to stay and join the children in their learning for an hour. This will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 9.15-10.15. More details to follow. A Reception Parents Information Session will follow 'Stay and Play' on the 14<sup>th</sup>, in the school hall and will last no longer than 15 minutes.