

# William Shrewsbury Primary School

## RECEPTION NEWS - Autumn 2019



A very warm welcome to all our new children and their families. We are pleased to say that the children have already settled incredibly well.

This first newsletter is to let you know about some of the exciting things happening in our department this term. We have also noted down a few important messages for you to remember.

### Our topics...

This term we will be focusing on 'Me & My Senses', 'Autumn' and 'Celebrations'.

We are going to have a very busy and exciting term learning lots of new things! The Reception Curriculum is based around 7 areas of learning, helping your child to develop into a well-rounded independent learner. We encourage the children to do as much for themselves as they can and we always appreciate your help with this. More information is available on Reception's class page on the School Website.



### REMINDERS...

- Please put your child's name on everything!
- Only water in their classroom bottles please.
- Send home/school diaries EVERYDAY.



### P.E.

We do some sort of physical activity every day. We change into PE Kits on Wednesdays for our main PE lesson so you may find a few inside out items worn home on that day!

PLEASE remember to remove earrings and tie long hair back for these sessions.

### Harvest Theme Week

Harvest week will begin on Monday September 30th and we will be doing some activities based on this theme in school. To round the week off we will be celebrating with a special dressing up day. We will be asking the children to wear autumn colours on Friday 4th October and to bring a donation of money instead of produce. The money raised will be donated to Burton YMCA who run a food bank for local families. They are always grateful for our support, as we are of yours.

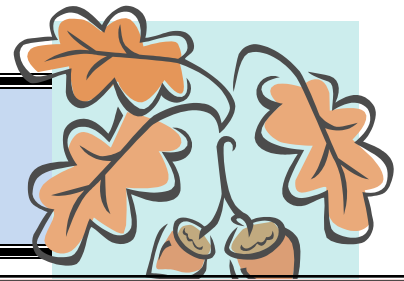


Thank you.

Head lice - We would be grateful if you could check your children for these unwanted visitors! When children have less contact with one another is a good time to check and treat your child if necessary.

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### Reading

We are already busy learning about Kipper and his family who appear in our Oxford Reading Tree books.



In a few weeks, we will be sending books home for you to share with your child. Please spend time discussing what is happening in the pictures as this will give them a great start to their reading.

Please make good use of our Reading Maze any day after school. There are lots of lovely books for you to borrow. Children need to access as wide a range of books as possible.

### Phonics

Each week we will look at several letter sounds. We will work on their recognition, the sound they make in words and how to form them too. We will be encouraging the children to do lots of 'have a go' writing at school using their developing knowledge. We aim for all the children to be confident to 'try' to write without feeling they can't do it correctly.

We will send some sounds home to practise too.



### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

- 27.9.19 - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 4.10.19 - Wear Autumn Colours
- 22.10.19 - Parent Interviews 1
- 24.10.19 - Parent Interviews 2
- 24.10.19 - Break up for Half Term**
- 25.10.19 - INSET Day (school closed)**
- 4.10.19 - School reopens**
- 20.11.19 - Whole school photo day
- 22.11.19 - Wear Anything Day/Bring a bottle
- 23.11.19 - Christmas Fayre
- 13.12.19 - Christmas Lunch
- 16.12.19/18.12.19 - Reception Nativity 2pm
- 19.12.19 - Pantomime Trip am (details to follow)
- 19.12.19 - Christmas Party pm
- 20.12.19 - BREAK UP**

### CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

We will be inviting you to a Christmas Crafts morning in the near future where you can help your child to make a range of Christmas items. It was a great success last year! A letter with details will follow but here are the dates for your diary.

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December RG 9.30am - 11.00am
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December RR 9.30am - 11.00am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December RB 9.30am - 11.00am

Refreshments will be provided as well as Christmas tunes and cheer!

### Numbers

Encourage your child to recognise numbers in the environment. Count things around the house. Look for different shapes in the supermarket. Fill containers in the bath. Let them help with some baking, measuring out the ingredients.

**We will let you know what we are practising at school from time to time so you can support your child's learning at home.**