



Believe, Achieve, Soar with Pride

**EYFS**

**Newsletter**

**Autumn 1**

### Welcome to Early Years

It was so lovely to see the children return after the summer holidays refreshed and keen to start their new classes. New school years always bring changes and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce some new members of staff. Mr Machin is now our dynamic Reception Class teacher, he is being supported by Mrs Griffiths. We have another new member of staff, Miss Forster, who will be working in both Reception and Nursery classes. Mrs James continues to be our key worker for our two year olds and I continue to be the nursery class teacher. We will always do our best to be available before and after school if you have any concerns or queries, so please do not hesitate to approach any member of staff, who will be glad to speak with you.

*Mrs Bridger.*

### Fruit Money

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all parents who send in fruit money every week to support with the cost of buying extra items for your child's learning. We use this money for example to buy extra resources such as craft materials for special celebrations and special food to help your child understand different festivals or healthy eating. After reviewing our Early Years budget, we have had to make the decision to increase the donation to **£1 per week**. This money really does make a difference to your child's learning and I know how supportive you are of our school and what we do to support your child.

### Important Reception Reminders

**Reception Phase 2 sounds and tricky words** – On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, Mr Machin will be giving out flash cards for letter sounds and tricky words. Please help your child to practise their sounds and reading their tricky words. We would like to be able to give out new Phase 3 sound and tricky word cards by the end of this half term.

**Reception PE Kits** – You may not be aware but all children from Reception Class to Year 6 have been provided with a free P.E. kit. Plimsolls, however for hygiene reasons, have not been provided. Could you please ensure that your child brings a pair of plimsolls into school by next week, with their name written inside them so that they can be put into your child's P.E. bag. As children only wear their P.E. kits for a short time each week, we will be sending kit home to wash at the end of every half term. This should then ensure that all children have their P.E. kit in school for every sporting opportunity given.

**Jewellery** – Can I please remind you that our school policy states that no jewellery can be worn in school for P.E. This is for safety reasons as well as the fact that these items can be lost

### This term in class we are learning about...

- The first three weeks of Autumn 1 term all classes will focus on the topic "Ourselves". Thinking about our families and our emotions. In the last four weeks of term the topic will change to "Autumn". We will be thinking about the colours and changes in weather that come with Autumn days and how this affects animals.
- Nursery Class and Little Learners will be singing Nursery Rhymes and starting to count using our fingers.
- Reception will start to learn letter sounds both reading them and writing them. They will be practising counting to 10 and extending to 20 by the end of the year.

### Important dates for your diary:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival Methodist Church, Ferryhill

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – EYFS Parent/Carer Play Afternoon 12:30 to 3:30

More information will be given out as these events draw nearer.