



# ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH of ENGLAND

## (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Reception Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and a very Happy New Year.

This half term our topic is 'Awe and Wonder'. This is a broad topic as it is being led by the children's interests and ideas. We will begin the topic looking at dragons using the key text Zog by Julia Donaldson.

Key dates for Reception this half term are:

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – PTFA Film night
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Gosforth Gets Going Sport Event (at school)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Opposites Day
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Road Safety Sessions
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Chinese New Year
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January - 5pm - Managing Children's Behaviour Workshop
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 9am - Managing Children's Behaviour Workshop
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 2pm – Reception Stay and Play
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Visit to Walker Dome
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA Valentines Disco

Books will continue to be changed on a Monday morning, when children will be given two or three books to read during the following week. We will occasionally keep book bags overnight if we have not had time to change books during the school day. It is important to re-read texts to develop their fluency and pace; these are skills which are hard to establish in a first read through, so we would ask that children read both books at least twice before the following Monday. Please make a short comment in your child's reading record **each time** you hear them read, which should be daily please. Please could you also ensure book bags are brought to school every day, checked for letters every night and old letters removed, thank you.

PE will usually be taught on a Wednesday. PE kits should be left in school (on cloakroom pegs) and should contain a pair of named trainers for outdoor PE lessons. It would be very helpful if any child with long hair could have their hair tied up in a ponytail on this day too. Please do not send in trainers with laces unless children are able to tie them.

Children should also bring in a water bottle each Monday. Please remember this should be filled with water only. This will then be sent home each Friday to be washed, ready for the following week. A healthy snack is also provided each day for children in Reception.

To help support your child further at home, you could go on shape hunts, encourage children to get dressed independently and encourage your child to use both a knife and fork at mealtimes.

### Reception Wish List

Obviously, we use a great deal of malleable items and we would really appreciate it if you could send any of the following items into Reception at any time.

- Pasta
- Shaving foam
- Cream of tartar
- Flour
- Food colouring

Many Thanks!

We are planning further visits and visitors throughout the year to hook children into our topics and further develop their knowledge of the world. Information about these visits and their cost will be available to you as soon as they are arranged.

The classroom is a busy place – there's always jobs to do! If any parents feel they can donate any (regular) spare time, who would be interested in coming into school to help, please let me know!

If you have any questions, please do pop in to see me at the end of the school day, once all children have been dismissed or if you would prefer to contact me by email, the address is:  
[katie.wilkinson@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:katie.wilkinson@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk).

We look forward an exciting term in Reception!

Yours sincerely

Miss Wilkinson