

# Foundation Stage Unit News Letter

We hope that you have all had a good half term and that the children are coming back feeling refreshed.

Over the next half term, we are going to be working on the topic of 'Ourselves', starting with 'All About Me' The children will be;

- Painting pictures of themselves,
- Talking about photographs of themselves.
- Making shape people.
- Further developing their name writing with the correct letter formation.
- Talking about hygiene and keeping clean.
- Dancing and finding out what their bodies can do.

Letters and sounds sessions will begin this week. These sessions are for 20mins a day to develop phonic work. For the next 3 weeks the children will be learning the following sounds:

During 1 <sup>st</sup> week set 1	s a t p
During 2 <sup>nd</sup> week set 2	i n m d
During 3 <sup>rd</sup> week set 3	g o c k

During the sessions the children will be learning to read five tricky words –

the, to, I, no, go.

We hope that you are getting on well with your Treasure Hunts for the PTA. The money raised will specifically be spent on equipment for your reception children. Large, good quality toys are very, very expensive, so we rely on the work that the PTA do to enable us to buy new equipment. This will support the curriculum and enable your children to develop their skills. Please support us.

The first of the Home Activities will be sent on Friday. We hope that you enjoy them and that they help you to support your child.

If you opted to become a parent helper, you will be able to begin as soon as we have had your CRB check back. Forms are available from reception or the office.

As you know, we are a part of the Healthy Schools programme. Please could we therefore remind you that children should only bring water to drink in their classroom water bottles. They may, however, bring juice in their lunchboxes for drinking at lunchtime.

Some of the children have been bringing toys into school. Please could we remind you that toys should not be brought to school as they can be lost or broken, which would obviously be very upsetting for your child. There will be opportunities for children to bring in toys to their Key Person groups and we will inform you prior to the sessions.

*As part of our Topic after half term, we will be asking children to bring in 4-5 photos of themselves at various stages in their lives - e.g. baby, toddler, pre-schooler, starting school, etc. They will be using these photographs to talk about changes in themselves, and to order them. Please could these photographs come in a named envelope in order that they can be safely returned to you.*