

## **Reception Newsletter – September 2018**

First of all, thank you to all parents for supporting their children in making such a super start to their year in Reception. The children have settled in very well and we look forward to an exciting year ahead!

**Big Idea This Term:** We started our first Big Idea 'You and Me' at the beginning of term and the children have enjoyed getting to know their classmates and sharing things about themselves with their me bags! We will commence our book study next week (w/c 01/10/18) and will begin some forest school activities as we explore Autumn and the changes that occur.

**Learning This Term:** We have launched phonics over this half term and the children began by exploring rhythm, rhyme and alliteration. We have now moved onto new phonemes each week, learning in lots of exciting ways indoors and out! We look forward to our upcoming phonics evening during which we will explain more about how it all works! In mathematics, the children are learning to recognise numerals 0-20, we have been exploring pattern and 2d shapes. In PE, the children are learning to move in different ways, stopping and starting on the whistle. In circle time, the children are learning to listen to each other, take turns in conversation and explore their feelings and how to manage them.

**PE Sessions:** Children must have a named PE kit in school at all times. This should include clothing suitable for both indoor and outdoor lessons

**Parent Observations:** We have now set up Tapestry online journal for this cohort and parents are therefore able to share in the achievements and experiences of the children in Reception through observations posted on the secure network. Parents are welcome to share their child's experiences from outside of school also and tell us all about what they have been up to!

**School Library:** Now that your child attends Knavesmire Primary School, your child is automatically a member of the School library. Mrs Wareham is the school librarian and would love to see you visiting the library and borrowing books each week. Please feel free to visit the school library from 3.15pm-3:30pm for book browsing and sharing a story together. You may take books out between 3.30pm to 4:00pm. Please use the main school entrance to access the school library. Each child may borrow two books at a time. The library is open Monday- Tuesday and Thursday and Friday.

### **Reminders:**

- **Spare Shoes-** Please remember to bring indoor shoes that your child can independently put on when the weather is wet. Wellies are not to be worn indoors.
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- **Snack-**Please ensure that your child brings a healthy snack for afternoon playtime, they don't have a long time to eat so a piece of fruit/crackers is enough.
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- **Outdoor Play-** Where possible we will continue to play outdoors as much as we can (weather permitting). Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

**Dates for your Diary:**

- 11/10/18 - Phonics Evening 7-8pm
- 26/10/18 - Last day of term.
- 05/11/18 - First day back
- 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening
- 16/11/18 Children in need day
- **29/11/18-Christmas Shopping Evening** from 7-9pm, Friends of Knavesmire Event, School Hall.
- **11/12/18- 'The Gruffalo' Theatre Company Performance** in the afternoon.
- **07/12/18- Christmas School Disco** in the school hall, £3 per ticket. Friends of Knavesmire Event.
- **18/12/18 Reception Christmas Production**, in the school hall at 2pm.
- **19/12/18 Concert at 1.30pm Performance PM**
- **20/12/18- Children finish for Christmas.**
- **08/01/18- Children back to school.**

Hope all this makes sense, if not just ask.

**Miss Copping, Miss Hall, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Fairburn, Miss Deighton and Miss Guy**