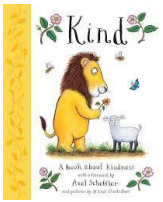
# Reception Newsletter Autumn 2

We hope everyone has had a lovely holiday and would like to welcome you all back. Last half term was spent settling the children into their new environment, establishing routines and getting to know our rules and routines. We are pleased that the children have settled back into school well after their short break and look forward to the very busy and exciting weeks ahead. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us. We may not be able to talk to you at the door when seeing the children in but can arrange a time to meet after school. You can also contact us by sending an email to the school office which will then be forwarded to us by the office staff. school.office@stanningleyprimary.com **Ms Read, Mrs Holgate**

## Which stories and themes will we be looking at this half term?




The week beginning 16th November will be **Peace Week** across school and in Reception we will thinking about Kindness and looking at the book **Kind.** We will continue to learn about the different festivals that are celebrated by different cultures and religions around this time of year.




These will include Bonfire Night, Christmas and Hannukah. Next month we will be putting up our decorations and telling the children about the story behind Christmas. We will also be putting together our Nativity Performance, a lovely Christmas tradition that I am sure will bring a tear to your eye. Don't forget to put the date in your diary! All the children will have a part to play in our performance, and some children will have a few words to say. We will be sending home these words and ask that you help your child to learn them. The performance will be on ***Tuesday 15th December, 9.15 am***

## Phonics Progress Update

We would like to thank everyone for attending our Phonics meetings last term and for supporting their child with their learning at home by helping them to complete their homework each week. It has been lovely to see so many of our children make a flying start to their phonics learning as a result of this support. If you have not yet attended one of our Phonics Meetings and would like some support with your child's learning please don't hesitate to come and see us. At the end of last term, each child was assessed to review their progress in learning the sounds introduced so far. These assessments help us understand how well your child is grasping phonics and identify any areas where additional support may be needed. We will discuss your child's results during the upcoming parents' meeting.

You'll be informed whether your child is currently on track or if they would benefit from extra support to help them continue progressing confidently.




**Reading Books** This half term your child will start to bring a different reading book home each week. The book your child brings home will be carefully matched to their current phonic knowledge. Children develop at different rates, and some have only recently turned four, so please don't worry if your child doesn't yet bring home a book with words. This is fairly normal at this early stage. Rest assured, your child is receiving extra support in school, and with your help at home, their progress will continue to grow. The more frequently they read, the quicker their confidence and skills will develop. To support you at home, we recommend watching this helpful video from the Little Wandle website. It explains how to listen to your child read and how to share wordless books together:
https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/forparents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome
We recommend that your child reads their book at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in their reading record, please sign and comment each time you read with your child. Books will be collected in the blue box in the outdoor area every Monday. Reading books must be handed in but reading for pleasure books need only be handed in if you would like it changing.

**Homework Update**



Starting this half term, children will begin regular handwriting sessions, focusing on learning three letters each week. To support this learning at home, we will be introducing letter formation as part of the children's homework. Please see the letter attached to this email.

**PE**

Please remember that children should wear plain black jogging bottoms or leggings with no logos and short sleeved white t-shirts with a rounded collar. For safeguarding reasons children are also required to remove earrings on PE days. PE kit should be worn to school on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays.** Trainers not needed until later in the year as PE will be held in the hall and children will wear their pumps.




**Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th** Parent Consultation Evenings

**Friday 13th Nov** *Children in Need Day*

***Monday 16th Nov*** Odd Socks Day

**Wednesday 2nd** Dec Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 15th Dec, 9.15 am** Reception Nativity

**Wednesday 16th Dec**, *Christmas Dinner*

**Thursday 17th Dec**, Christmas Pantomime, *Christmas Party, Break up for Christmas*

**Friday 19th Dec** Training Day,

Monday 4th Jan School re-opens