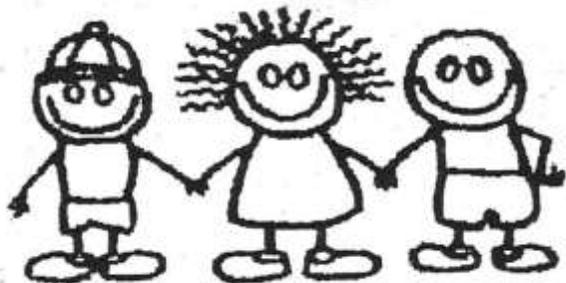


# Reception News

Summer 1 2018

18<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> May



## Summer term

This term we are expecting the weather to brighten up, so much of our focus for the term will involve things that happen outdoors. We are going to be being scientists, finding out about all kinds of different things that change, in lots of different ways. For example, we will be looking at plants and caterpillars as well as ourselves and how we have grown and changed from being babies to the big people we are now. We will also be looking at the weather and how that changes across the week and across the year. We will be making predictions and testing out our ideas. We will also be thinking about ways to keep healthy - exercising, eating healthily and sleeping well, as well as ways to stay safe, including sun safety.

## Spring Barn Farm

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May we will be visiting Spring Barn Farm. Please see the separate letter about this school trip for more information. And please let your child's teacher know if you are able to come and help on the trip - we will have a lovely time!

## Trainers

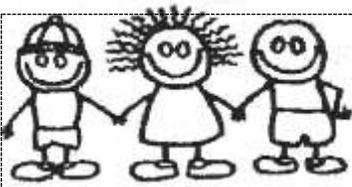


This term we will be starting to have PE lessons outside. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school and that they have a pair of PE shoes in their PE bag. Trainers often fit better than plimsolls so trainers are preferable. Children also need to be able to get their shoes on and off independently, so if you do send trainers in, please can they be Velcro fastening rather than lace ups. If children's school shoes are trainers, they can use these for PE. As with all your child's clothes, please label the shoes with your child's name. If your child has had PE shoes in their bag since September, please check they fit!

## Parent helpers

We will be doing lots of different activities this term. We would love to have lots of parent helpers - with all sorts of activities - let us know what you are interested in. If you would like to help, please let your child's teacher know. Thank you!





## Dates for the diary:

Class photos - **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Spring Barn Farm trip - **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

## Book Club

This term there will be no parents' reading on Friday afternoons. Parents' reading will start up again in the second week of term 6. Book Club, however, will continue this term. In Book Club, children bring books they have enjoyed at home into the class to share with their friends. Please look out for your Book Club bookmarks each Friday and send your child in with a new book on the Monday. The children will be sharing these books together over the course of the week, and then we will discuss them as a whole class at the end of the week.

## Tapestry

Thank you for all your Tapestry observations. It is so useful to us to be able to broaden our understanding of each child's learning by understanding more of what they say and do outside of school. One thing that makes observations especially useful is if you write down exactly what the children say, in their own words, in quotation marks. Each week the newsletter explains what we have been learning about that week, so if ever you see your child demonstrating their understanding or interest in something we are learning about, please do let us know. Anything else that stands out to you as a 'wow' moment is great to hear about, too. Thank you!

## Wish list

This term we will be scientists and scientists need lab coats! If you are able to donate any old **adult's white shirts** for the children to use as lab coats, that would be fantastic! (Except for Pandas who have already had white shirts generously donated by parents - thank you!)

One of our science experiments this term will involve making 'potions'. The children will need clear plastic bottles to keep their potions in. Please could we ask for donations of **clear plastic bottles, of any size, with lids.**

We are always on the look-out for **old keys**. The children can use these to make loose parts pictures and they are great starting points for imaginative play.

Our final request is for **clean, empty plant spray bottles.** We can use these to spray paint onto pictures as well as to spray water on the plants we are growing.

