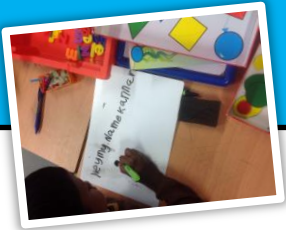


# Cannon Lane Primary School

## Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled in really well to Reception this half term and we are all so pleased with the progress they have made to date. Your support has been invaluable and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the time to come. I hope to give you just a flavour of some of the exciting things the children have been doing and some hints on what is to come in the next half term.

### Hot dinners and packed lunches

As many of you are aware, lunchtime can often be the most difficult part of the day for children starting school but we are delighted with how the children have adjusted to the lunchtime routines. The class teachers and support staff stay with the children in the hall while they make their meal choices. They ensure each child has chosen a main course, salad and dessert. Children sit together in class groups so they have friends around them. The dinner supervisors encourage the children to have a balanced meal and will help them with cutting food and opening packaging when required.

There will be a tasting session run by our catering partners, Pride Catering on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November if you would like to sample some of the hot dinner options.

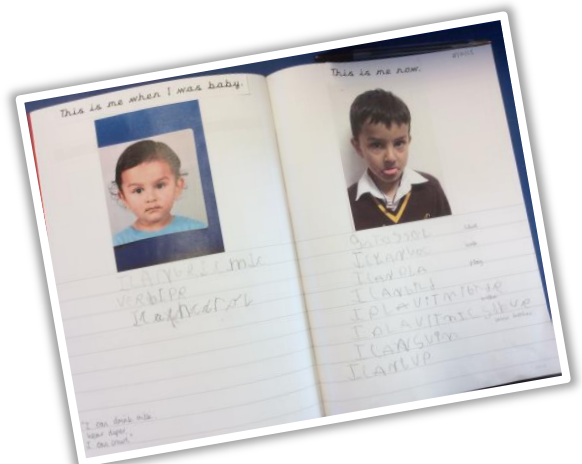


### All about Me

Our theme for this half term has been Ourselves and the children have been learning about growth and change in their own lifetime.

The baby photos that were so kindly sent in have been used to stimulate the children's talking and writing with amazing results.

Each child has worked on a piece of writing in their literacy books. These will be available on Parents' Evening for you to see.



## Outdoor Learning

We have been very fortunate this year to be able to add bikes and scooters to our outdoor provision. The use of bikes and scooters fits into the Early Years Foundation Curriculum as part of children's Physical Development, a Prime Area of Learning. The children develop control over large body movements which ultimately helps them to develop the fine motor control demanded by activities such as writing. Most of the bikes accommodate more than one person which helps to encourage social play and communication. Children use a sand-timer to regulate the amount of time spent on the bikes.



## Phonic and Reading Workshop

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2pm and 6.30pm

Reception teachers will be hosting a workshop on the above date to inform parents about how we teach phonics and reading.

The workshop will be repeated at 6.30pm so please choose one to come to.

The workshop will address all the be useful for you no matter what your child's reading ability.



## Forthcoming events

We will be celebrating 'Harvest' in school the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Children are invited to bring into school any 'non-perishable' foods. All of our offerings will be donated to the Harrow Food Bank. We thank you in advance for all contributions which will be gratefully received by this worthwhile cause.

## Nativity

Please stand by for further information regarding Reception's Nativity performance shortly. Dates for individual class performances will be communicated just after half term.

We have very high expectations of the children in Reception and the Nativity performance is no exception. It means so much to the children to have their families join with celebrations of Christmas in school.

Please feel free to come and see me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rea, Assistant Headteacher for Early Years  
Foundation Stage



**Parents' evening reminder**

Please make sure you  
book your appointment for 20<sup>th</sup>  
or 22<sup>nd</sup> October