



# Cannon Lane Primary School



## Reception Newsletter

October 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed our first half term in Reception. Most of the children are very well settled already. The children are now comfortable with daily routines and feeling secure in their environment. We would like to thank you for your help and support over the last 6 weeks in settling the children.

### Reading

We have already begun our daily phonics teaching in Reception. It is important for children to be able to apply their increasing phonic knowledge in their own reading and writing. After half term each child will read in a small group of 6 with their class teacher once a week. There will of course be other opportunities for sharing books and reading throughout the week but these small group reading sessions will focus on putting into practice the phonic skills children are learning during the week. The reading book will be at an appropriate reading level for your child with just a few new words so they begin to gain confidence as readers. We would ask you to read this book every day with your child. Please add a comment in the reading record so that the teacher also has feedback from you on how your child is reading at home. If your child reads other books independently at home please also note these in the reading record. Class teachers will advise you which day your child is reading in a group.

### Writing

Children complete guided writing tasks with support from the adults in their class. You will have regular opportunities to have a look at your child's writing book during the year. In addition to this, the children also have access to book making materials and other writing resources in the classroom and outdoors so they can independently begin to develop their writing skills.



## Lunch

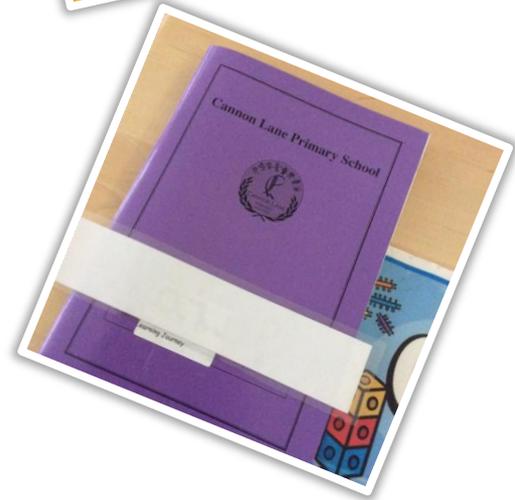
The children have adjusted well to having lunch together in the school hall. They are accompanied by their class teacher when choosing their main course and also get support to choose salad and dessert. This is a time for the children to chat to their friends and socialise as well as eat their meals. Please see the school website for the hot meals menu.



## Workshops

Many thanks to those parents who attended our Introduction to Early Years Foundation Stage Workshop. The presentation used in that workshop will be posted on the Cannon Lane school website within the next week. The website also contains details of other upcoming events.

We will be holding a further workshop in November specifically focused on the teaching of phonics and reading in Reception and Year 1.



## Labelling

Please remember to label your child's clothing particularly all jumpers and cardigans. Having so many cardigans and jumpers in Reception it is difficult for us to re-unite them with their owners if names are not clearly written on them. It is very helpful if all the children's personal items can be labelled such as book bags, lunch bags, coats, jackets and water bottles.

## Upcoming events

Half term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Staff In Service Training Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
(no school for children)

Phonics and Reading Parent Workshop  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2pm or 6pm

Nativity Production  
Beech and Maple Classes 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Hazel and Willow Classes 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December



Theme for next half  
term continues to be  
Ourselves

Please feel free to come and see me if there is anything I can support you with.  
Kind Regards

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