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*We pray together. We play together. We learn together.*

# Reception Newsletter

26th<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents /Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term. This week Reception have been very busy preparing for our Mother's Day tea party next week. We hope to see lots of you there.

## Literacy

In Literacy this week we have been talking about Mother's Day. The children have thought about why we have a Mother's Day and together we made a mind map of all of our ideas. We then thought about our special Mother's Day tea party and the children decided it would be a good idea to make an invitation. As a class we decided what information we needed to include and the children then personalised their invitations. I hope you all received them. The children have also made a special something for their Mummies, but I'll keep that a surprise!

## **Suggested activities:**

- **Maybe you would like to support your child to make a card at home for Nan's, Aunties or Godmothers.**

## Letters and Sounds

The children have now begun learning Phase 3 sounds. Although we have moved on to Phase 3 sounds we still recap Phase 2 sounds each day.

This week we have focused on the following sounds: j/v/w/x

The children have read lots of words with these sounds in and should now be able to access some of the words sent home during parents evening. We have also been reading a variety of sentences and questions that include both Phase 2 and the new Phase 3 sounds within them. The children are becoming increasingly confident when segmenting and blending words together to read.

## Maths

In Maths this week the children have been practising counting on and back using numbers 0-20. The children have been encouraged to recognise number 11-20 as this is a class focus for us this term. On Thursday the children enjoyed coming and stealing a block from my tower, however they could only steal a block if they could tell me how many I would have left. The children really enjoyed doing this and it supported the children's understanding of taking away and finding 1 less.

**Suggested activities:**

- Maybe you could play a similar game with your child. You could use a packet of their favourite sweets. E.g. chocolate buttons... ask your child to count out 10-20 buttons. As they eat the buttons can they tell you how many are left?

**Come and See**

This week the children have listened to and talked about what happens at a Holy Communion. We have also been reflecting and talking about why we gather together. The children have been given the opportunity to talk about why some things are better done together.

**Snack Money**

Snack money for this term will be £6.00. Please can you send it in an envelope marked with your child's name. Many Thanks.

**Mother's Day**

Just a reminder our Mother's Day tea party is being held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in our school hall at 2pm. Mums, Nans, Aunties, Godparents please come along and enjoy a fantastic afternoon dedicated to you. We hope to see lots of you there. ☺

**Diary Dates**

**Mothers Day Tea Party - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 2pm.**

Have a fantastic weekend,  
Miss Smith, Mrs Evans, Miss Langton & Ms Connolly ☺