RECEPTION CLASS FRIDAY NEWS

Term 1a Week 6 17.10.2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who accompanied us to the Brindley on Thursday to see the production of The Princess and The Pea. This was a really good production which I know all the children enjoyed. I am sure by now they have shared this experience with you.

Literacy

This week we have been learning about Autumn. The children have been hearing Autumn poems and songs. We have used information books to find out about the signs of Autumn and we have been on an Autumn walk to the wildlife garden as well as looking around school to see if we can see the Autumn colours in the trees. The children have been picking up a variety of leaves which we have used in the workshop, the paint area and the sand area. We have talked about the animals and how they prepare to hibernate. We have heard some lovely stories about owls, a particular one we enjoyed was Hoot and Holler and one about hedeghogs called Hedgehog Howdedo.

We have also been learning poems and nursery rhymes about Autumn which I have included with this letter.

Gruffalo Trail

I have been sent information that in Delamere Forest there is a Gruffalo Trail which looks very exciting! Perhaps if you have time at the weekend or during half term you would like to visit and take the trail, looking for signs of autumn. On the Forestry Commision website (<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/>) you can find some lovely autumn activity sheets that encourage children to look at and identify the seeds and leaves they find in the forest. I would absolutely love to see your photos if you do go so please email me them. I have told the children how much I love the Gruffalo and I am sure it would be a lovely day out during the holidays.

Mathematics

In Maths we have been comparing things that are longer and shorter and taller and smaller. On Monday we collected lots of leaves and sticks when we were in the wildlife garden and back in class we sorted them for size. We have also ordered the children for size. We have compared the tallest child’s shoe with the smallest child’s shoe. The children have enjoyed comparing themselves. At home this weekend I would like you to help your child to order everyone at home for size. Perhaps they might like to draw each member of their family, cut the figures out and order them or they may wish to take a photograph of everyone standing in a row. Your child may wish to compare other things for size such as their toys or cars.

Please send me a photograph or Pic Collage if you do this so that I can add it to your child’s learning journeys.

Letters and Sounds

In Letters and Sounds we have continued to listen for words that start with the same sound. We have played a game where the children had to collect as many objects as they could with a given sound, then make up a silly sentence with all those objects in it. The children as always have loved this and are becoming familiar with alliteration and hearing the initial sounds. They have also been playing games on the Phonics Play website (www.phonicsplay.co.uk) which you can access at home. The children have been playing on the Phase 1 level in Letters and Sounds.

Come and See

In Come and See we have started a new theme on Belonging. As part of this Reception class thought about what it means to be welcomed. We have talked about how they were first welcomed into Holy Family School. The children have been talking about how they felt the first time they came to school and how they feel now. We have also been talking about all the new friends in the other classes who have welcomed them. Next week we will be talking about being welcomed into God’s family at Baptism. If perhaps you have photographs, a candle or a white shawl from your child’s own Baptism,please could you share it with them this weekend so that they are familiar with it when we talk about this next week. You may like to send me some photographs so I can share them with the children.

Spooky Week

Next week will be Spooky week in school. As part of this week the children will be hearing the story Room on The Broom, and we will also be making spooky potions in the water area and the mud kitchen. The children will be making pumpkin soup and spooky drinks. On Friday we will be having spooky snack and the children are invited to come into school dressed in a spooky dressing up costume which they can leave on all day.

Spooky Disco

The Spooky Disco is on Tuesday 21tst October at 4pm until 5.30pm in the school hall. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available from school and cost £2.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Dinner Menus

Please return with your child’s choice of food by Thursday and with your child’s name on.

Rara Books and Reading Diaries.

These will only be changed on a Monday and Friday and do not need to be in the book bags on the other days.

Labelling of Clothing/Shoes

Please could I ask you to make sure that all items of clothing, including shoes and coats, are labelled and that your child can identify the markings, especially on their coats and shoes. This is to make it easier for the children to find their own school coat and shoes when changing from their wellies. Some children still do not have wellies in school; please can you ensure they are sent in especially as the grass is getting very wet now.

We do have change of clothing for the children but please can you send back anything that is sent home especially underwear and socks as we are now running low. It would also be helpful if you could keep a change of socks/underwear in your child’s book bag, just in case!!!

Reading Meeting Thursday November 6th 9am

After the holiday I will introduce the children to Phase 2 sounds in Letters and Sounds. I know some of you are very familiar with this but for some of you it will be a whole new thing. At the reading meeting I will be introducing you to Letters and Sounds, how to blend and segment phonemes and to some of the terminology that you will eventually become familiar with.

It would be lovely if you could make the meeting which will last for about an hour. If you are unable to come I will send home any handouts.

Finally can I thank everyone who has been sending me photographs and stories about what your child has been doing at the weekend. It is lovely to be able to talk to the children about what they do at home and what they are interested in. Please keep them coming as they all add to your child’s learning journey.

Many thanks

Mrs Evans, Miss Langton and Ms Connolly

Dates for Diary

Spooky Disco -21st Tuesday October

Spooky Dressing Up Day- Friday 24th October

Reading Meeting –

Thursday 9th November 9am