

## **Reception class newsletter**

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

All of the children have been attending school full time for a couple of weeks now and everyone is settling in beautifully. The children are all getting familiar with the classroom and playground and the Reception team are really enjoying getting to know their lovely little personalities.



We know that starting school is a really big step for both children and parents, so please don't hesitate to speak to one of the Reception team if there's anything worrying you. By now everyone should have received letters about 'Floppy's phonics'. The children have made a super start to their phonics learning already. Please send your child's blue phonics file into school every day and if you check it regularly at home you'll see what our phonics focus is at any one time. If you've misplaced your Floppy's phonics login details then just ask a member of staff and we can help you with this.

The children will all be bringing home a wordless reading book. Look at the inside cover for lots of good tips on how best to use these books. When the children have learned the first set of Floppy's phonics sounds and are beginning to blend, then we'll start to send home books with words in. Your child will also be given the opportunity to bring home a class library book once a week.



Your child might have mentioned that they have all joined their 'Pastoral care' group last week. Pastoral care is the name for our St. Gregory's 'family group' system. Every Friday afternoon for 20 minutes the children will go to their pastoral care classroom and spend time with their pastoral care teacher, friends and older buddies. Your child will remain in the same pastoral care group throughout their time at St. Gregory's and the relationships made in these groups are just lovely. Again, if you have any questions, please ask.

Hopefully you have all seen on the 'Parentpay' system that the Reception class are having a morning at Cleadon Park library on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. It's quite a walk to the library so can we please request as many parent/ grandparent helpers as possible to accompany us and encourage the little legs to keep on going!



Thank you so much for all of the support and have a lovely weekend everyone!

The Reception team