Reminders ...

**Reading**
Once children are ready for a worded book, we will start to send reading books home. Children are expected to read regularly at home, preferably every day. It is important that school books taken home come back each day and we will change them regularly. If there are any issues with the book selected please feel free to contact us. The children will have story books to share with an adult at the start of the term and move onto worded reading books as soon as we feel they are ready.

**PE Lessons** - PE will take place on Wednesday afternoon, but please ensure that your child has a full kit in school every day. PE kit will be sent home for a wash at the end of each half term.

**Labelling Property** - Please ensure that coats, PE kit, uniform, water bottles, book bags, etc. are clearly named. If we can read the name there is a very good chance that lost items will find their back to you.

**Helping in school** - If any parent has spare time and is available to help in class, especially to hear readers, or to do administrative jobs such as photocopying, please let us know, as we would be extremely grateful for your assistance.

Finally, should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. If your query will require more than a few moments, at the start/end of school, please telephone the school office to arrange an appointment so that we can make sure we are able to have a quality discussion.
Welcome to Foundation Stage. The class teachers are Mrs McGravie for Green Class and Mr Owen for Red Class, ably assisted by Mrs Bowden every morning. Mrs Bucknall and Mrs Morgan, will also support the class during the week. We are all very much looking forward to working with your child.

The children have transitioned well and settled beautifully into school. They are quickly learning the new routines and thoroughly enjoying the new play opportunities and getting to know the new faces.

Class Dojo - We will be using Class Dojo to share important school updates, post photos of special classroom activities, and to respond to messages sent by parents, so don’t forget to log in. An invitation will be on its way shortly. You will also be invited to join and use Tapestry, which is our online Learning Journey- there will be more information to follow on a separate letter.

Communication - School Information will normally be sent to you via e-mail; flyers or letters with slips to return may go home via the book bag however, so please do check and empty bags regularly.

Rewards - We set high standards in all aspects of school life. Your child will be expected and encouraged to work to the best of their ability. All effort is praised and rewarded with Dojo points, certificates and stickers.

Special Events ...

Thursday 26th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning and non-uniform day (see newsletter)
Friday 27th September – Harvest Festival (see newsletter)
Tuesday 8th October – Photographs
Monday 7th (3.30-6.30) & Thursday 10th October (5-7) – Parents’ Evenings
Thursday 10th October – School Closes
Friday 11th October – INSET day
Friday 15th November – Children in Need £1 donation
Friday 6th December - EYFS Nativity Matinee 1.30pm

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and to all the exciting activities we have planned.

For this term’s topic we will begin with Autumn and Harvest activities. We will be going for an Autumn walk around our school grounds searching for signs of and collecting Autumn things. We will then look at developing skills in Maths, Literacy and Investigation through our ‘Opposites’ topic.

During the first half term we will be focusing on the three Prime Areas of the EYFS Curriculum. This includes:

- Personal and Social Development:
  The children will be encouraged to develop their interaction skills, deal with their emotions, look at how they view their behaviour and its consequences, and manage their personal hygiene.

- Physical Development:
  The children will experiment with large scale (gross motor) movements; running, jumping, climbing, throwing and balancing etc. They will also be encouraged to develop their fine motor skills through threading, cutting, drawing and writing etc.
  The children will be practising getting undressed and dressed as independently as they can and will be encouraged to demonstrate good health and hygiene practices, as well as showing an understanding of appropriate safety measures.

- Communication and Language Development:
  The children will talk to and listen to other’s responses 1:1 and in small groups. They will explore books, listen to and join in with to lots of stories; talk about, retell and role play stories through small world and drama.

  The children will begin their daily phonics sessions; learning about rhyme and alliteration, developing their listening skills and memory, their ability to distinguish sounds; introducing ‘sound talk’ and phoneme/grapheme recognition.

In Maths, the children will be developing their knowledge of counting, number, pattern and shape, and using their own ideas to solve problems.