



St. Jude's Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers of Reception,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term and first week back. I want to start with a big thank you for your support over the last half term. Seeing the children return to school so enthusiastically was lovely. This half term the children will continue to be taught by myself and Mr Cutts (Friday PPA) and supported by Miss Haydon all day and Miss Hunjan in the mornings.

Please see a reminder of important days below:

Fridays – PE days. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit with their school uniform in their bag. Please clearly label **every** item of clothing.

Thursdays – Home learning is set on Thursdays. Please continue to access your child's home learning via Google Classroom. Please note that home learning evidence for Reception children should be uploaded to Tapestry. This will be different to any siblings in other year groups, who will be uploading theirs straight to Google Classroom. One of the wonderful aspects of Tapestry is it allows us to build a learning journal across both school and home.

Book Change Day – This term the book change days have changed. You can find a reminder of your child's book change day at the end of every home learning sheet. Please ensure your child has their reading record and reading books in their bag ready for their day.

This half term our topic is: Let's Celebrate! Through this topic we will explore a range of celebrations and discuss the routines and customs that occur. For more information on what we will be learning, please see the Autumn 2 topic web. To support our learning, please bring in a photograph of your child celebrating an event. This may be a wedding, Christmas, Diwali, Hanukah, Eid, birthdays etc. Please bring these in by **Friday 11th November**.

We are really excited for some of our children to be starting drumming lessons this half term. Lessons will be taking place on Thursday mornings, starting Thursday 10th November.

It is really important that we make the most of every minute of learning time at St Jude's. To support us in this please ensure that your child is in the line at 8:55am ready to go inside. As we settle in to life in Reception, we ask that children join the line and adults stand back from the line, in order to aid our independence and ensure a smooth start to the day.

Once again thank you for a wonderful first half term. We are so excited for the term to come!

Important dates to remember: Parents' Evenings Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th November – emails and text messages have now been sent out inviting parents to choose a slot.

Kind Regards,

Miss Valuks and the Reception team



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