

# Autumn Term

2019

## Reception

*Ourselves,  
Festivals and  
Celebrations*



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Welcome to Year R

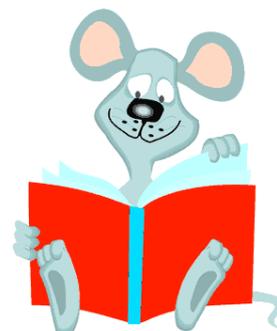
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<p><b>Miss Mercurio and Mrs Twaites</b> <i>Class Teachers</i></p> <p><b>Mrs Tucker</b> <i>Cover Teacher (Thursday pm)</i></p> <p><b>Miss Spence</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p>	<p><b>Miss Lewis</b> <i>Class Teacher</i></p> <p><b>Mrs Baker</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p>
<p><b>Mrs Brunson</b> <i>Additional teaching assistant working in both classes</i></p> <p><b>Mrs Hall</b> <i>Additional teaching assistant Thursday and Friday afternoons.</i></p> <p><b>Miss Snowden</b> <i>Additional adult support working in both classes</i></p>	



We hope that you find all of the information in this leaflet useful. If you have any further questions about the term ahead please feel free to come and talk to us. Please also read the leaflet about Starting School in your Welcome Pack from last term.

Your child has a reading book, flashcards and reading record book. Please ensure that they bring these to school every day and that you write in each time you have listened to them read or practise their flashcards.

To support the Letters and Sounds teaching in the classroom, please read with your child for a short period every day and practise their flashcards. Your child will not only benefit from reading to you but also from hearing you read to them.



We encourage each child to learn and follow simple daily routines in order to make them independent and responsible for their own belongings. It would be an enormous help to the staff and your child if you could ensure that they have:

- their PE kit in school every day (our PE day is Thursday)
- their book bag, lunch box (if they need one), snack (if they want one) and **water** (no juice please) each morning.

Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is named, including all P.E. kit.

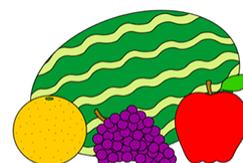
For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. If your child has pierced ears, earrings should be studs only. Earrings must be removed before school on days when we have P.E. lessons.

Long hair must be tied back for games; we would also appreciate it, if children with long hair could tie it back during the general school day with plain and simple bands, clips or ribbons in brown, black or maroon.



Nail varnish should not be worn in school.

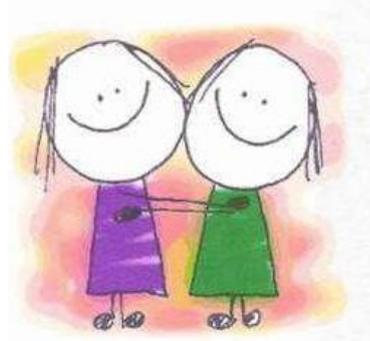
Daily fruit is available to the children during the morning, but they are also welcome to bring fruit or vegetables from home.



## Topics for this term.

Our first topic this year is 'All about me'. In this topic we will be thinking about:

-  What makes me special
-  My family
-  Rules and feelings
-  Things I like/don't like
-  My favourite things
-  My home
-  My friends
-  Keeping myself healthy



Our second topic this term focuses on 'Festivals and Celebrations' and will include:

-  **Harvest** ~ We will look at how our natural environment changes throughout the season of Autumn. This includes visiting our Nature Reserve.  
We will also think about how we get our food and why harvest time is so important. We will make our own bread mice.
-  **Diwali** ~ We will find out how families from the Hindu and Sikh faiths celebrate Diwali.
-  **Fireworks** ~ We will think about how we can keep safe. We will also include looking at pattern and colour.
-  **Christmas** ~ We will find out how and why Christians celebrate Christmas. The children will learn about the birth of Jesus within the Nativity story.



All of our topics will be cross-curricular and include the various strands from the Foundation Stage Curriculum:

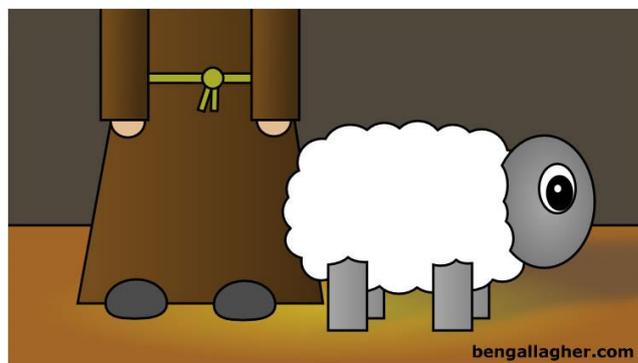
- PSED - Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- CL - Communication and Language
- PD - Physical Development
- M - Mathematics
- L - Literacy
- U+W - Understanding the World
- EAD - Expressive arts and Creative Development

### **Important Dates**

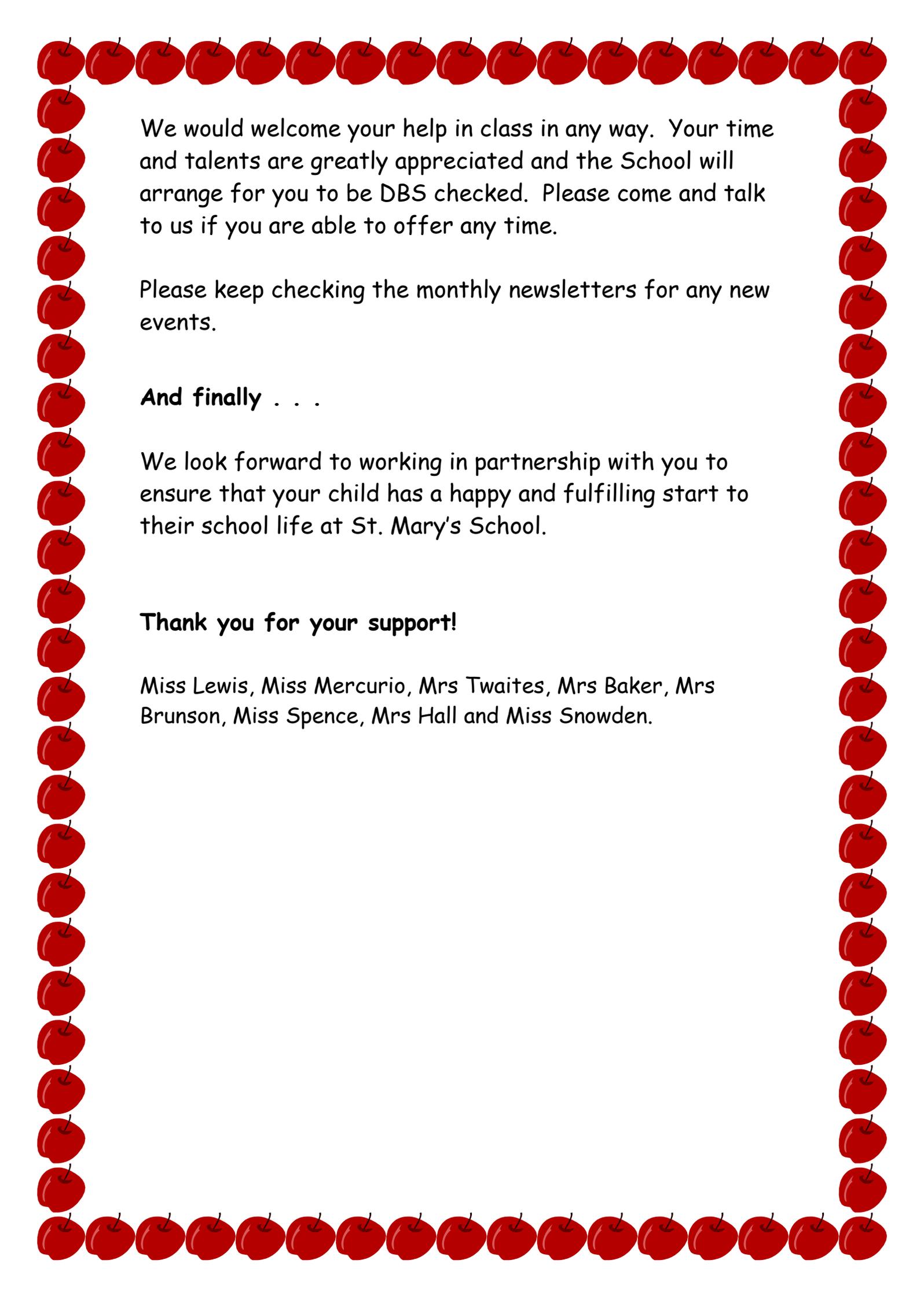
On the afternoon of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, there will be an informal meeting in the hall for all parents to discuss learning in Reception. We will share with you how you can support your child's reading and learning at home. We hope you will be able to attend.

Harvest Festival (with Tenterfield Nursery) at St. Mary's Church - 9.30, Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> - more details to follow. We welcome you to share this service with us.

This term our Christmas performance to parents will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 pm. More details to follow.



Gerald finally found his calling:  
third sheep on the left in the school nativity



We would welcome your help in class in any way. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated and the School will arrange for you to be DBS checked. Please come and talk to us if you are able to offer any time.

Please keep checking the monthly newsletters for any new events.

**And finally . . .**

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child has a happy and fulfilling start to their school life at St. Mary's School.

**Thank you for your support!**

Miss Lewis, Miss Mercurio, Mrs Twaites, Mrs Baker, Mrs Brunson, Miss Spence, Mrs Hall and Miss Snowden.