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Dear Parents,

The children have made a fantastic start in their Reception year so well done! I have been so impressed with how keen they are to learn, motivated to challenge themselves and the way they can problem solve in a range of social situations!



Thank you to everyone using Tapestry! It is so lovely to see the things your child is doing at home. Please make sure you are checking it regularly as this is where any home learning, phonics, maths and topic work will appear. Your child will also love sharing their observations at school and at home! Anybody having trouble with it please tell me.



I have included below some important dates for events relevant to you that will help you with supporting your child at home.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Forest School information session for parents at 9:00am. After Christmas we will be formally beginning our Forest School sessions, this session is to inform you of the clothes your child will need, the types of activities they will be doing such as making campfires, building shelters and using tools.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Phonics workshop at 3:30pm. This session is purely for Reception parents and will introduce some of the terminology you will come across this year, also the sounds we will be covering next term and ideas for supporting at home. (Please try to attend this!)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Phonics workshop in class at 9:00am- this will be a session where the children will demonstrate what they have learnt in phonics and currently learning. The idea is to build on the previous workshop with a range of games and ideas for you to help at home. Modelled by the children!

Finally, attached to this letter is a parent thoughts sheet. This is a chance for you to feedback on how you feel your child has settled into school life and anything you are particularly proud/ worried of. Please return them as soon as you can.

Many thanks  
Mrs Coffin.

## Autumn Parent Thoughts

Name of Child:	How do you feel your child has settled into Reception?
How has your child's physical development improved? This may include- coordination, fine motor, h/writing.	How has your child's communication skills improved? This may include listening and attention, speech, and conversation.
	How has your child's Writing skills improved?
How has your child's social development improved? This may include problem solving, sharing, interacting with others.	How has your child's Reading improved?
	How has your child's Maths skills improved?
How has your child's Personal development improved? This may include increased confidence and managing feelings.	Is there any questions/ queries or comments you would like to make?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this 😊