Thank you for all of the support and encouragement you have given us!

The Reception Team.

Sharon, Genna, Nicola, John and Rachel.

**Reminders**

* If your child is being picked up by someone other than you please would you write it in our going home books. You will find these in the office area every morning.
* Please can your child not bring any toys in of their own as they often get lost or broken and they also distract them from their learning during the day. Children are welcome to bring in anything that is linked with our topic or something that they wish to discuss and review to the whole class.

***Please find attached a sheet to complete over the holiday to include in your child’s learning diary. This can be photos, quotes and information about what learning you did together during the holidays. It is really important to us that we have a close link with home and school including your child’s learning both at home and at school.***

**We hope you and your children have enjoyed your first two terms with us at Sefton Park. The children have made a great start and we appreciate your support with day to day activities. Thank you to those of you that came to support our carol concert at St Bartholomew’s church, it was great to see you all there. We hope you enjoyed the Reception Christmas Nativity! The children worked extremely hard and the costumes looked amazing.**

Are you free one afternoon every week? We need volunteers to hear readers across both reception classes. If you are interested then please speak to your child’s class teacher and we can arrange for you to start the CRB process.

**Equip your child for all weathers**

So the children can use our outdoor space as much as possible, please can you make sure your child has warm and waterproof clothing as well as wellies. These can stay on their pegs in school throughout the year. Make sure they have your child’s name in them.

Phonics Books and Reading Records.

The children’s phonics books have been recently updated with their latest sounds and tricky words. The aim is for the children to be able to read and write the words on the Christmas tree sheet.

Please read with your child everyday and work through activities in phonics books over the course of a week. Please record any books your child reads with you and any comments you feel we need to know about.

**NEWSPAPER AND JUNK MODELLING**

Please save your newspaper and any junk modelling things and bring them in to school so we can stock up our art area. Thank you!

**New term new topic!**

**In January, we will be starting a new topic based on animals. This will give children opportunities to express their interests within this topic.**

**Over the Christmas holidays, it may be useful for you to look at books or collect items of relevance with your child. Please can you bring these into school on the first day back for our topic display.**

