**Foundation Stage Autumn Newsletter**

**Welcome!**We are very pleased with how the children have settled in during the first week of term. They all seem happy and comfortable in the environment and new routines.

**Topics for this term come under the school theme of “Our Lives”**

**They include: Myself , My Family, Senses, My School, Keeping Healthy, Autumn, Harvest**

Autumn 1: We are looking at a variety of books to base our topics around and are starting with ‘Owl Babies’ by Martin Waddell. We will be doing lots of role play, re-telling the story and other maths and literacy activities as well as crafts. It will also lead into learning about light and dark and nocturnal animals.

Autumn 2: After half term we will be looking at ‘Elmer’ by David McKee and looking at how we are all special and with unique qualities. After that we will look at different celebrations such as Diwali and Bonfire night. We will then be moving into the Nativity story in preparation for our Nativity Performance in the run up to Christmas.

**R.E.** We will have three overall topics this term: Myself, Welcome and Birthdays, including Baptism and Christmas. We will also have a week when we look at Judaism.

**Maths and Phonics**

Both F1 and F2 children will have specific Maths and Phonics sessions. We have just purchased a brand new phonics/reading scheme called Little Wandle which we are very excited about. In F1 we are working on counting up to 5 and basic numeral recognition. In F2 we are extending this to numbers up to 10. We will also be learning about shapes in the environment. We will be having weekly visits to the school library on a Tuesday, where your child will take a book to share at home. In F2 we will sending individual reading books home with a reading diary.

**Class Dojo**

We will also use this as a way of contacting you about what activities they are doing in class. If you have not connected yet, let us know so we can invite you. We will need an email address for this. If your child is absent you will need to let the office know.

**Uniform** Your children always look very smart in their uniform – thank you. We do really endeavour to ensure that items do not get lost. To help us, please ensure that your child’s name is clearly labelled. F1 do not need a P.E kit . F2 can come ready dressed in theirs for Tuesday P.E. Please can you remove all earrings if possible on P.E. days and on other days, please can children only wear stud earrings, not hoops .Thank you

**Allergies: Please remember we have no nuts/ nut products in school. This year we also have children with very severe egg allergies and we would be very grateful if you could avoid packing hard boiled eggs in lunch boxes. This would be much appreciated**

**We are very much looking forward to the year ahead.**

Kind regards. Miss Chisholm, Miss Fulford, Mrs Mulligan (F2 staff)

Mrs Camp, Mrs Bartley, Mrs Gaboush and Mrs Cranfield( F1 staff)