

Reception Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2017



The Reception team would like to thank all the parents who welcomed us warmly into their homes - Thank you! Visiting your home is very valuable because it is a place where you and your child feel comfortable and relaxed. When you welcome us into your home, your child sees us as a friend. Children need to see that the people who are going to be caring for them are friendly and trusted by you.

This half term we will spend time settling the children to the classroom routines and practises such as changing reading books in the morning, self- registering in the morning using the pebbles.

These are some of the things that you could do to make your child “school ready”-



Sharing and enjoying a book daily with your child is very important. Every morning your child will be able to choose a book to take home. Please ensure that your child has a book bag to enable him or her to choose a book. Next week “book marks” will be introduced where you will be able to record every book your child shares with you. When you record 10 books that you

have shared with your child on the “book mark” then your child’s bookmark together with others who have achieved 10 books too, will be entered into a draw for one to be picked out for a prize.

In Reception we have “free-flow” access to our indoor and outdoor learning environment. We use our outdoor area every day, whatever the weather, so it is very important that your child has suitable clothing at school every day e.g. a raincoat and wellies on wet days, gloves, a scarf and a hat on cold days and a sunhat and sun-cream on hot days. Please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor clothing.



Please make sure all of your child’s belongings, including their school uniform, are named. This makes it easier to find things when they go missing.

The Reception children have a P.E. session every Monday. Your child will need a t shirt, shorts and, in the summer term trainers or plimsolls to wear



As part of our curriculum all children will have regular opportunities to cook and taste different foods. Please let us know if your child is not allowed any foods for any reason.



We are always pleased to see interesting things for our nature table and any books, pictures or objects related to our current themes which children bring in from home. We promise to look after them!



Please send a set of spare clothes into school for your child to change into if they get wet or if they have a toileting accident. These clothes need to be in a bag and can be kept on your child's peg.



As you may know all children are entitled to school hot dinner. We have a new school lunch menu. Could parents and carers please inform the school office if your child has changed from their usual hot dinner to packed lunch or packed lunch to hot dinner and also if they would like the vegetarian or jacket potato option so our kitchen can cook the correct number.



The Reception children will start going swimming after Christmas. Further details will follow later this term.



As a school, we greatly value school attendance and punctuality because research has shown that there is a link between good school attendance and good school outcomes. Our classroom doors open at 8.50am and we take the register at 9.00am. Please help us reach our school attendance target of 100% by bring your child to school on time. If your child is unwell, please phone the school office by 9.00am stating specific reason for absence. Children arriving after 9.00am will need to be taken to the school office where parents/carers will be asked to complete the Late Book.



We are always grateful for offers of help from parents and carers. Just inform the class teachers. All adults working in our school have to have a DBS check. DBS applications can be completed in the office.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask us either in the morning or after school. Thank you for all your support.