



Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Reception Class

A warm welcome to the new school year! This is an exciting time for the children as they begin school and it has been lovely seeing the children settle into their new class so well. Below we have put together some useful information for you. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Tapestry

Last week you received a letter about the online learning journal that we use in Reception called Tapestry. We are keen to get the children set up on the system so that we can begin uploading photos and observations for you to access. Please return all permission forms as soon as possible and by **Monday 16th September**.

PE

PE lessons will begin this week with Mr Brown on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a pair of **plimsolls or trainers** in school as they will be required to change into these each session.

For this first term the children do not require a full PE kit as they will not be getting changed.

Forest School

The children will begin Forest School sessions this week on Wednesday morning with Mrs Corline. These sessions will take place on alternate weeks. Please ensure that your child has a raincoat and a pair of wellies in school for these sessions as it can get very wet and muddy!

Drinks Bottles and Snacks

Children are invited to bring in a drinks bottle containing **water** each day for them to access. We have a box in our classroom where the children can leave them each morning as you arrive. In addition, children in Reception will be provided with a free drink of milk at snack time if they would like one.

We also provide all children with a free piece of fruit each day. If there are any particular fruits that your child is unable to eat then please let us know.

Packed Lunch or School Meals

All children in Reception and Key Stage One are entitled to a free school meal each day. If your child would like a school meal then please help your child to make their menu choices on the classroom computer in the morning as you arrive. A copy of the menu for each week can be found on the school website.

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If your child is having a packed lunch then they need to leave their lunchbox on the trolley in the corridor outside of the classroom.

Starting this week as part of our morning routine, the children will practice writing their name during settling time (8.40-8.50) and then put their name into the labelled baskets for packed lunch or school meals depending on what they are having that day.

Reading

The Reception year is a really exciting year when your child will begin to learn to read. We will be sending books home for your child to share with you from the week of the 23rd September.

In preparation for this we are running a session for parents about early reading and phonics on **Monday 23rd September** at 9am and it would be great to see lots of you there. We will be giving you lots of helpful tips about how you can support your child with reading at home. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be available!

A Plea!

From time to time we will send out text messages to you if we are looking for resources in school to enhance our current learning. We are always keen to have clean recyclable items for junk modelling e.g. plastic packaging, cardboard packaging, plastic bottles, cereal boxes, empty kitchen rolls etc, so if you have any of this at home then please do think of us and bring it in.

In addition we are currently gathering other larger items for our role-play resources. Again if you have any of these that we could use then please let us know or bring them in:

* Large cardboard boxes * Colanders (plastic or metal) * Old phones * Milk crates * Guttering
* Cardboard tubing * Hats (adult or child) * Baby doll dressing up clothes * Large sheets/material

Thank you for taking the time to read all of this information and please do let us know if you have any questions.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead in the Reception class.

With best wishes,

Mrs Stone & Mrs Harvey

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