

Reception Class Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to Reception Class. We hope that you had a great summer and you are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Here are some important things for you to know

PE:

Our PE sessions during the Autumn term will be gymnastics. We are lucky enough to have two sessions each week with Sam, our gymnastics coach. These sessions will take place on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. As previously shared, your child will **come to school dressed for PE** on both Monday and Wednesday. Children **will not** get changed into their PE kits in school. There will be many other opportunities for your child to engage in other physical activities, both gross and fine motor, daily.

Water Bottles:

We ask that your child brings a water bottle to drink from each day. This should contain unflavoured still water only and should have your child's name on. The bottle should be a sports cap bottle that your child can easily open. Your child can drink from this throughout the day.

Arriving at school:

The school gates will open each morning from **8:45**. Our classroom door will be open from this time and we will be ready and waiting to welcome your child.

If your child arrives after **8:55**, they will have to enter school via the school office and they will be marked as 'late' in the register.



School Wallets:

Some of you may have already ordered blue school wallets. Last year we asked that these were only brought into school when we made the request. Your child can bring their school wallet into school if they would like to but this is not necessary daily. As time passes we may request that wallets are brought into school on certain days. This will of course be communicated with you. Something that I am requesting is for you to send into school a bag (drawstring if possible) containing **spare underwear and uniform** (or similar clothing) in case of emergencies. We also enjoy lots of water play which can get very messy! These bags will remain in school. Thank you!

Home Time:

Please collect your child at **3:30**. When collecting your child please wait on the playground just outside of the garden area. If there is a change as to who is collecting your child, please let myself or the school office know. Your child will not be able to leave if we have not been informed of any changes. I will bring the children to the gate and dismiss them to you directly on the playground. This may take a while at the beginning of the year but please bear with us. If you need to speak to myself or another staff member, please do not hesitate to do so. We are always happy to talk. However, please wait until all children have been collected so that all of our attention can be on them. Alternatively, ring the school office and we can arrange an appointment for either a phone call or a meeting. Thank you in advance.



Earrings:

Please ensure that your child does not wear earrings to school. If you have any questions about this, please see me.

Weather:

Please ensure that you send your child to school prepared for all weather. Coats should be brought to school every day.

Read Write Inc.:

We use Read Write Inc. Phonics to teach children how to read and write. Our Read Write Inc. lessons will begin straight away. More information about Read Write Inc. and ways that you can support your child with reading and writing will be sent to you soon. In the meantime, watch the following videos to give you an insight on what we will be getting up to.

What is Read Write Inc. Phonics? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjlPILhk7bQ>

How to say the sounds <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

We will be hosting a reading meeting for Reception Class Parents in the Autumn term. More information to follow.

Reading:

Last year we decided to not send our reading scheme books for reading practise at home. Instead of engaging with these reading books at home, children spent time exploring them with adults in school throughout the week. We have decided that we will do the same again this year. We do of course want your child to engage in story times at home, and we hope that this will happen daily. Your child will be choosing one book to bring home each week from our library. We want you to share and enjoy the book together. More information about how we will be administering library books will be sent to you soon. Your child will also receive a log in to an online portal containing eBooks for extra reading practise at home. Reading with your child is probably the most important thing that you can do to support and extend your child's learning. This should be a special time of your day, each day. **More information about reading and its importance will be shared at our reading meeting.**



Practising skills at home:

Your child will learn lots of new things and will acquire new skills at school. It would be useful if you could practise some of the following at home: Independently dressing and undressing, using a knife and fork, using the toilet and washing hands independently, putting on and taking off a coat, holding a pencil correctly and beginning to make marks with good control, name writing, counting objects and saying one number name for each object, recognising numbers 1-5 then 10, finding different ways to represent numbers e.g. 3 bananas, 3 fingers, 3 people, the numeral 3 etc.

As your child learns new things I will inform you of other activities you can do at home to support their learning.

Resources to support reading, writing and maths learning will be sent home as and when.

Homework:

Each week your child will bring home a newsletter. This newsletter will share any updates and fill you in on what we have been doing each week (we know children don't always share this with parents!) and it will also contain a home learning task. Like the rest of the school, many of these tasks will be completed online using a platform called Purple Mash. Information about Purple Mash along with your child's login will be sent to you soon.

Reception Class Staff:

Mrs Holdbrook– Class Teacher

Mrs Dehgamia– Class Teaching Assistant

Mrs Ismail– Class Teaching Assistant (Rec/Y1)

Mrs Khan– 1-1 support assistant

Mrs Ayub– 1-1 support assistant

Mrs Hussain: Lunch time supervisor

Friday Snack:

Your child will receive fruit as a snack everyday. On Friday your child can choose to bring in one special treat for their snack e.g. chocolate, crisps or biscuit etc. Sweets, lollies and products containing nuts are not permitted.

We are all very excited about the year ahead. If you would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Holdbrook (Miss White)