

RECEPTION WELCOME LETTER

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Welcome to Reception!

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready and raring to go for the new academic year. As we start a new school year, we feel that it is important to inform you of the expectations and the curriculum content. I look forward to the year ahead and all the exciting and memorable experiences we have planned. We would like to thank you for your support in advance.

READING: Your child will bring home a Read, Write Inc. (RWI) storybook book that they have read in class so that they can practise re-reading it at home. This is done to help them build their confidence and fluency. They will also be given a 'book bag book' which will be an exciting text that they will be able to read themselves; this is because they will have learnt all the letters and 'red words' already in class. However, parents or carers can offer some help if the child needs it. Finally, your child will be given a library book to read for pleasure. This book is for an adult to read and it is crucial at helping the child expand their vocabulary and develop their love for reading.

Every child has a yellow reading record. It is expected that the children will read **three** times each week and that this is recorded in their yellow reading record and signed by an adult at home. The reading homework is monitored on a weekly basis and a class record is kept.

LEARNING LOG: A weekly homework task will be sent home in the children's Purple Learning Log. This will consist of a short activity linked to our topic in school, such as a creative, writing or maths activity for you to complete at home with your child. On the bottom of the weekly homework task there will be 3 QR codes which will consist of videos to support the children with consolidating their Phonics knowledge. Both the Purple Learning Log's, Yellow Reading Records and reading books sent home need to be completed

and returned to school the following **Thursday**. We endeavour to return these on a **Thursday**, but where this is not possible, it will be **Friday**.

PE DAYS: PE in Reception is integrated into our curriculum through a variety of physical fine and gross motor activities, both indoors and outdoors.

Your child's PE lesson will take place on a **Tuesday (outdoor weather permitting)**. However, it is best to have their PE kits in school all week; your child should bring them in on Monday and take them home on Friday.

PE kit consists of: black shorts/jogging bottoms, black PE socks and a purple or white t-shirt. Trainers/pumps and a plain jacket are required for outdoor PE.

UNIFORM:

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan, with school logo
- White polo shirt
- Grey skirt, trousers or school shorts
- Grey socks or tights



Only plain black shoes are allowed to be worn with the uniform.

The summer uniform consists of purple dress or grey shorts, white socks, and black shoes, and may be worn after the Easter holidays until October half term.

Nail polish is not allowed. No jewellery is allowed except a wrist watch. Smart watches are not allowed in the school if they can receive/send texts or photos.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

INTEREST CLUBS: Information relating to clubs will be released in the coming weeks, as we settle back into school. Should your child be interested in taking part in a club, permission slips should be returned to the school office. Places are limited, therefore they are distributed on a first come, first served basis.

We will keep a log of all children attending after school clubs to try and ensure that places are offered to as many children as possible. Parents/carers will receive a text to confirm that their child has a place.

TWITTER: Information about our school and class twitter accounts will be sent out separately, but we look forward to sharing our learning with you using the platform.

WATER BOTTLES AND SNACKS: Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. You may wish to send a snack for your child to eat during snack time. Fruit will be provided in the classroom, but if you prefer to send your own snack we ask that it is healthy (e.g. a healthy snack bar or piece of fruit or vegetables).

We will be holding a short welcome meeting for parents on Friday 22nd September at 3.15pm in the Reception classroom. This is an opportunity for us to discuss what is coming in the year ahead and introduce you to Read, Write Inc. Phonics. Your children will be able to wait in the ICT suite during this time.

Thank you very much for your support - we are very much looking forward to working together with you this year and sharing your child's progress with you.

Miss Dalby, Mrs Horton and Mrs Baxby