Welcome to Reception!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We warmly welcome you to the new school year in Reception class. We are really excited about getting to know your child and watching them grow this year. The children have had a great start so far.

Here are a few notes to remember:

Dropping off and picking up

In the morning please bring your children down to the classroom blue gates at the normal time of 8.40 onwards, where we will be waiting to greet the children in the classroom.

At pick up at 3:20 we will meet you at the classroom blue gate (reception playground). We ask you remain outside the small blue gate and be mindful of the other parents who will be making their way to the playground and stand to one side.

Weather.

Please remember that in reception class we like to go outside in all different types of weather so please send in the appropriate gear i.e sunhat for sunny days and a coat/raincoat for colder wet days. Please continue to encourage your child to practice doing up and undoing their coats. ***Please can you send in a pair of wellies that we can keep in school all year round.***

Naming Items

Please make sure EVERYTHING is labelled! Water bottles, jumpers, trousers, bags etc as everything looks the same. We have noticed a significant number of un named items and will not take any responsibility if things get lost.

P.E

Our P.E day is **Tuesday** please ensuring your child is wearing their PE kit to school that day (no need to change clothes at school). We will be trying to get out as much as possible so tracksuits/leggings and jackets will be helpful as the weather gets cooler, but shorts and t-shirts for the warmer months. Please pair these items with a comfortable pair of trainers without laces.

Toys/Stationary

Children do not need to bring in their own toys/ stationary as we have plenty in the classroom and would hate for anything special to go missing. If your child really needs a comfort toy, please can we limit that to one small toy that is labelled if possible.

Please Note

If your child is ill or has an appointment please use studybugs to mark your child as absent. Use the studybugs website to register yourself and you can also use the school website to report absence using the studybug banner at the top. If your child is going to be late, please ring the office ASAP so you can book your child a lunch. If someone else is going to collect your child from school please let the office know in good time. (before 2pm)

Fitness Friday and Forest School

As a whole school we have fitness Friday when all the children can come to school in their PE kit and we will undertake physical activity during the day. Forest school will be on every 3rd Friday starting on ***11th*** *September, for rest of dates see the calendar on the school website. Children will need to wear long trousers, a long sleeved top and trainers for the summer. In winter they will need rain coats and waterproof trousers see website for any other details. (wellies will be kept in school)*

Water bottles, snack and lunch

Every child needs to bring in their own water bottle. Snack will be provided and it will be some kind of fruit or veg such as apples, pears, carrots etc. They will be given a whole piece of fruit which isn't cut up so please can they practice eating these at home. If you would like to send your child in with something different, we would ask that it is a healthy snack such as fruit, veg or cheese etc, not crisps. Please talk through the lunch choices before school so the children are aware of what they should pick for lunch that day.

Seesaw and School App

Your child has come home with a letter with a QR code on how to access seesaw and some instructions on how to set it up. Seesaw will be a useful tool for us to stay in contact and we will be sharing our adventures. You can also use it to send me messages, just note anything important for example a change of who will be there at pick up will be something you need to ring the office about as I will not be able to check while the children are in class. I will be unable to answer messages after school hours (up until 6pm) or at weekends. Please monitor seesaw for any important information.

We have had a great start and the children have been great coming in. We are really looking forward to a fantastic year together.

Many Thanks

Miss Perkin and Mrs Aimsworth, Mrs Reperowska and Mrs Hayes