Reception Newsletter

Staff

Here is a reminder of our staff:

Miss Longworth
Class Teacher

Mrs Smith
Teaching Assistant

Other staff who you might see or hear about

Miss Knighton | **Mrs Walwyn** | **Miss Schab**

Mr Salmon | **Anna Boltuc** | **Miss Holmes**

NAME LABELS

Your children look so smart in their new uniforms and it would be shame for any to go missing. Please put your child's name clearly in EVERY item of clothing – even shoes, coats and bags!

Home Time

If a different family member than usual is collecting your child, please phone the office or let the staff member at the door in the morning know.

Bags

Please provide your child with a school bag or backpack to help them carry their belongings and letters home each day.

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a named water bottle for them to access during the day.

Doors open in the morning at 8:50am. School ends at 3:20pm.

Parent Communication

ClassDojo

I will use Class Dojo to post information about things personal to our class. Please set up notifications for this app or check it regularly.

The MyChildAtSchool app is where you will receive notifications of first aid incidents and whole school messages. It is a replacement for our previous text message service. Again, please set up notifications on the app and check it regularly.

Coats

We go outside every day! Please ensure that children bring an appropriate coat with a hood into school each day.

Wellies

Please bring a pair of clearly labelled wellies in for your child to keep at school during the year.

Spare Clothing

Accidents can happen from time to time – please ensure your child has a named bag with spare underwear, clothes & wipes to keep on their peg.

PE Kits & Earrings

Our PE session is on a MONDAY. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and no earrings are worn that day.

What are we learning about?

Literacy/ Topic – All about me! What makes me special? Who is in my family?
RE – God's wonderful world. The story of Creation. God made us all to be unique!
Maths – Exploring counting and numbers through rhymes, stories and songs
Other Areas – We have been learning to… care for each other, make new friends, learn about our similarities and differences, get ourselves dressed, use the resources in our class and much, much more!

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New Curriculum 2021

From this September, every school in the country is teaching from a newly updated Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum. The key changes include:

-Improving outcomes for all children and reducing the disadvantage gaps

-Making the Early Learning Goals clearer and more aligned to the Year 1 curriculum

-Reducing teacher workload and needless paperwork to allow more time for quality interactions with children

What do the changes mean to me as a parent/carer?

The safety of your child and the quality of the education provided will not change. You may not see any changes in terms of the activities and opportunities on offer to your child. However, you may notice that we are not physically recording as many observations and assessments of progress. Please be reassured that we will still be supporting your child's development and responding to their interests. We will be using our professional judgements to assess your child's development during our daily interactions and activities.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)?

The Early Years curriculum ranges from 0-5 years. Within the curriculum there are 7 areas of learning:

3 PRIME AREAS:

Communication & Language - Physical Development - Personal Social & Emotional Development

4 SPECIFIC AREAS:

Literacy – Mathematics – Understanding the World – Expressive Arts & Design

What are the Early Learning Goals (ELGs)?

Within each of the areas above, there are statements called the Early Learning Goals (ELGs). We use these ELGs to assess each child against at the end of their time in reception. Attached is a document which shows you what each of the ELGs are, so that you can see what is expected of your child by the end of reception.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any further questions.