

Reception Newsletter

Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have done really well coming into school and are quickly making new friends. Well done everyone!

The school day begins at 8.50am when a bell will ring and the children line up with their class in the playground. Please accompany your child to the Reception classroom gate and then encourage your child to enter the room independently. If you arrive after all of the classes have gone into school, you will need to take your child to the visitor entrance (the children may know this as Mrs Knowles' Office), which is next to the staff car park.

All Reception children are now bringing home their 'Reading Packet'. This needs to be returned to school every day. From next week, the Reading Packet will also contain your child's 'Sound Book'. Throughout the rest of the year it will be used to carry word boxes, reading books and any letters that are sent home. It is vital that you check the Reading Packet and Home/School book **each day** as there may be important information enclosed. If your child bumps their head at school you will be informed of this by a red letter in their Reading Packet. It is helpful if your child has their own school book bag or a rucksack to carry their Reading Packet in.

In Reception, we have the 'Happy/Well Done' and 'Sad/Behaviour' books. Your child will bring a slip home to show you if their name has been entered into either book. The 'Happy Book' is used to reward **exceptional** behaviour or work done in class. The 'Sad Book' is used if your child has broken a class or school rule during the day. Your child will be able to explain the reason why their name has been entered into one of these books.

Our first PE lesson will be on Thursday 20th September. All children will need their PE kits in school by then. PE lessons will take place on Thursdays. Please make sure that long hair is tied back and no earrings are worn. It is also helpful for girls to wear trousers or skirts/dresses with socks on these days as tights can be tricky!

Swimming lessons will begin on Monday 24th September for the children who have chosen to take up swimming lessons in school. Please send some swim wear and a towel into school with your child along with goggles and a swimming cap if needed.

As the beginning of the day is so busy, it is vital that the teachers keep the class as settled as possible and lead their children into class on time. We have therefore set up a message taking system known in school as 'The Sweeper'. For Reception and KS1 children - Mrs. Brook will stand at the top of the steps with an orange book and will make a note of any messages you wish to pass onto a member of staff.

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to ask Mrs. Brook and she will ensure the Reception team are informed.

Many thanks

Reception Team