

Reception Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

The school gates will open at 8:40am each morning. Please bring your child to the school gate where they will be escorted into the Reception classroom by a member of staff. You can use either the Daisy Road or Ashlea Avenue entrance but please note that the Ashlea Avenue entrance is closer to the Reception unit. If you arrive after the gates are closed, you will need to take your child to the visitor entrance, which is next to the staff car park as the school gates will be locked.

All Reception children are now bringing home their 'Reading Packet'. This needs to be returned to school every day. 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 22nd 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! Please ensure all PE kit is labelled so they can be returned to the correct owner if they become mixed up. Your child's PE kit will be sent home for washing at the end of every half term. Please could you also label your child's school shoes to prevent them from getting lost as some of the shoes are very similar or the same.

As your child continues to settle into school, the Reception team will be undertaking the Reception Baseline Assessment which is a statutory assessment for all pupils. This short assessment provides a snapshot of where the children are when they arrive at school to provide a starting point for the DfE to measure the progress schools make with their pupils between Reception to the end of primary school.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please write a note in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks

Miss Mason, Miss Vine, Mrs Rothwell and the Reception Team