

Reception Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whilst your child is in Reception at Woodhouse, you will receive a weekly newsletter most Fridays. The purpose of this letter is to avoid the 'We did nothing at school today' syndrome. Each week, we will tell you what we have done in class and how you can reinforce certain things at home. We will also inform you of what we shall be doing the following week and how you can prepare your child for the week ahead. In this letter we will also inform you of events happening in school as well as in our year group. It may also be a 'begging letter!' It is intended that the newsletter is an informal way of passing information. If you would like to access the letter over the internet, it can be found on our school website: www.woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk once on the Home page, click on 'Parents' and then 'Newsletters'.

The Reception staff have all been impressed at how confidently the children have come into school and settled into the routine and we hope this continues throughout the term. On Thursday 14th September all of the Reception children will have completed their settling in sessions and will be coming into school together. To help the children to settle into their school day we would like the children to be handed to a member of the Reception team at the Reception area gate. All pupils' will start school on a full time basis from Monday 18th September.

In Reception, the teachers are Miss Mason, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell.

Attending school, on time, every day is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience. This includes your child's attainment and wellbeing. Research has found that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 (year 6) have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. At Woodhouse, we aspire to high standards of attendance and punctuality for all pupils.

In a morning, the school gates open at 08:40 and the children are provided with morning activities until 08.50. This additional learning time is valuable in addressing misconceptions and revising key concepts within the Early years Curriculum so a prompt arrival at school is helpful for your child. The school bell rings at 08:50 and the register is taken at 08:50. If your child is not in the classroom by this time, they are marked as late. If your child is too ill to attend school on a particular day, please email the school office or leave a voice mail by 09:30am so that this can be recorded. If your child's attendance or punctuality becomes a concern, a member of the senior leadership team will be in touch to discuss it further.

To enable our parents/carers to 'settle in' as well, we are holding a short informal coffee morning on Friday 29th September from 9am until 9.45am in the Activity Studio. Further information is on the reverse of this letter, we hope you will come and join us.

We have noticed that some items of the children's clothing and belongings do not have names in them. To avoid these being lost, **please could you ensure that your child has their name on everything!** From Monday 18th September, all children will need to bring an indoor PE kit. This should contain a white t-shirt, blue shorts and black pumps. PE kits are kept on your child's peg and remain in school throughout each half term. We will send them home with your child before each holiday. We have our PE sessions every Wednesday morning. Our first session will take place on Wednesday 20th September. All PE sessions will take place indoors throughout the autumn and spring terms. Outdoor PE sessions will begin in the summer term and further information regarding outdoor PE kits will be provided before this time.

If your child is being collected from school by any after school clubs or childminders then please fill in the form attached with their after school arrangements for each day. Please inform a member of the Reception team should any of your child's after-school arrangements change.

Your child should now have their own plastic reading packet with an orange home/school book. These need to be brought to and from school each day as they are used for letters, books and any messages we may have.

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

Many thanks,

Miss Mason, Miss Vine and Mrs. Rothwell

RECEPTION Parents/Carers

Coffee Morning- Friday 29th September



9am until 9.45am in the activity studio

Come along and meet other
parents and carers in your child's class.

Please look out on Arbor to book this event.

Reception after school arrangements

Child's name:

	After School Club/Childminder details
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Parent/carer name:

Please inform a member of the Reception team if any of these details change.