

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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 either the Daisy Road or Ashlea Avenue entrance but please note that the Ashlea Avenue entrance is closer to the Reception unit. We have been very impressed at how many of the children have been showing independence already. If you feel that your child needs support to walk up the school path, you can walk them up to the reception class gate via the Ashlea Avenue entrance until they are ready to do this on their own. There will always be school staff members supervising the gate and outside area every morning and will be available to help your child if needed. If you arrive after the gates are closed at 8:50am, 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. If your child has been entered into the 'Sad book,' this will be communicated via your child's orange home/school book. If your child's name is put into the 'Well done' book, a postcard will be sent home.

Our first PE lesson will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 your child's 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.

Throughout this year, you will be able to view and contribute to your child's learning profile through an online learning tool called Seesaw. Seesaw will be used by the Reception team to capture observations and detail next steps which can be practised at school and at home, to help them achieve their full learning potential. You should have received an email asking you to accept access to your child's learning profile. Please accept your child's Seesaw account as soon as possible as the link will expire. Please let us know via your child's orange home/school book if you have not received an email so we can check that we have your correct email details on file.

**Date for your diary – Reception parents/carers coffee morning 9 - 9:45am.** Please arrive via the school's main entrance on Daisy Road.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5:45pm we will be holding a Reception parents' information evening to present information about the Early Years curriculum, how we teach the children to learn here at Woodhouse and how best you can support your child with their learning at home. There will be a focus on reading as we introduce our exciting phonics scheme and share with you how we teach the children to read. We will share some top tips and techniques for helping your child learn to read and show the resources that will be sent home to help you support their phonics at home. The information evening will last for approximately 30-40 minutes. Please note this is an adult only event.

Every Friday each class take a turn to bake buns to sell to the rest of the school with all money raised supporting our school's chosen charities. If you would like your child to have a bun then please send them into school with a 20p each Friday morning. Further information regarding this will be sent out via the Reception newsletter when it is Receptions turn to bring in buns to sell to the rest of the 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**