

Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first term in Reception. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break, and that your child is settling in well. It's early days, but we are really pleased with how it has been going so far! ☺

This is the Reception Team

Ms Bibby - class teacher

Miss Laraine - HLTA

Miss Rachael - TA

In Reception, we run an open door policy, so there will always be one of the team around at the start of the day (08:20am), or at the end of the day (2:40pm), if you have any questions or concerns.

Please note that you must bring your child in through the appropriate entrance from Clyde Street, - not through the school, or via the nursery gate. Thank you.

What we will be learning this term

This term our topics are 'Getting to know each other' and 'People who help us'. All learning covers the seven areas of the reception curriculum which are:

1. Communication and language
2. Physical development
3. Personal, social and emotional development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding of the world
7. Expressive arts and design

Children will be learning through play and independent exploration, in both the inside and outside learning spaces. They will also spend some time learning together as a class, as well as working closely in small groups with the adults in the setting.



Home learning

We will be working very hard this term and your support at home is **extremely important**. You can help your child by sharing books with them every night, and reading their school books with them at least 3 times a week.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will be the best days for changing school books.

Encourage your child to count objects regularly, and talk to them about their day. We will also send resources home to help you support your child in other areas, eg with their knowledge of sounds and writing their name.

Thank you in advance for your support. It is greatly appreciated.



Family reading

On Friday 22nd September, we will be starting our family reading sessions - please join us from 08:30am to 09:00am and share a book with your child and their friends.

P.E.

Reception have P.E. time on **Wednesdays and Fridays** so they will need to bring in their P.E. kit on these days. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, and help them to practise dressing and putting on their shoes independently.

Attendance and punctuality

Children need to be in school every day and on time, as this is strictly monitored throughout the school. Please collect children promptly at 2:40pm. If someone other than yourself is going to pick up your child, please let the class teacher or TA and the office know beforehand. **If staff do not recognise the adult picking the child up, they will not be able to allow them to collect them.** Also if you are running late, please call and inform the office. You need to be aware that if you are late collecting your child, you will be asked to sign the late book and asked to pay a £5 late collection penalty!

Dates
for your



- **Weds 13th September** - Parents' meeting
 - **Weds 3rd and Thurs 4th October** - Target Evenings.
- October is Black History Month**
- **Mon 2nd Oct** - Flu jabs
 - **Weds 11th Oct** - Harvest Assembly
 - **Thurs 19th Oct** - Multicultural evening

**Half Term - break up 20th October -
Return to school - Monday 30th Oct**

- **Weds 13th Dec** - Christmas lunch
- **Thurs 14th Dec** - Christmas performances
- **Fri 15th Dec** - Christmas Jumper day / End of term

NO PHONES

Don't forget, the use of mobile phones is not allowed on school premises. Please work with us and respect this procedure. It is for the safety of our children.

