

Reception 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to Reception! We would like to thank you for your cooperation, you have helped the transition process to run smoothly. We are all very proud of the children and they have settled in very well. We would like to keep you up to date with a few routines and policies for Reception.

Topic



This term Reception are focusing on identity and will be exploring the topic '**Myself and Others**'. We will be looking at our similarities and differences and sharing our experiences within our families. We will also discuss the roles people play in our community and how they help us. We will also be looking at different celebrations and how we celebrate different occasions. This is an exciting topic, and we welcome any ideas that you may have around this learning experience.

Reading



Reading books will be sent out on Friday 17th of September. Please ensure your child brings to school their book bag containing their book every day and these will be changed on **Monday** and **Friday**. It is encouraged that you read with your child every night for at least 5 minutes. It is an important part of your child's development. This is an opportunity for them to share the excitement of their learning journey with you. Please see the reading letter we have sent alongside your child's reading record for some reading strategies and support.

Food

Packed lunch



If your child requires a packed lunch, it is to be placed inside the classroom. These lunches should be healthy, containing a sandwich, fruit and some dairy. Please refrain from bringing in sweets, crisp and chocolate as these are not considered healthy options. **We are a nut free school.**

A few ideas can be found at the following website:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>

Breakfast

We will be offering the children breakfast in the mornings from 9:30am – 10:00am. There will be a selection of cereal and toasted bagels available. If your child/children require alternative milk then please feel free to bring it in to school. Please note we are nut free school so we cannot accept almond milk.

Uniform and Personal Hygiene



Please make sure you have written your **child's name in each piece** of uniform, including shoes, water bottles and jackets. It is essential that all children come to school with their own water bottle to remain hydrated throughout the day, these must be clearly labelled.

We encourage children to put their items in their trays, however, we are not responsible for any loss of items at school. Please also be aware, that although we will encourage your children to wear an apron they will at times come home with unclean uniform and this is an indication that they have

had a good day and have taken the opportunity to explore the exciting provision that we have in our reception classroom.

The children are washing their hands through-out the day. We have a handwashing timetable in place to ensure good level of hygiene is undertaken. In addition to this reception have had lessons on how to effectively wash their hands. Please follow the links for extra support with this –

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

PE



Children will not be required to change for PE until **after the Christmas holidays**. Please ensure that your child is therefore fully able to dress and undress themselves for PE without the aid of an adult.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child settle in and learn their new routines.

The Reception Team 😊