



# Welcome to Reception



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to warmly welcome you and your child to their Reception year. Thank you for your support so far, the children have settled brilliantly in school life. Myself and the Reception team look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Below are a few general reminders and some key points or expectations for this academic year.

Staffing - The Staff in Reception are :

Mrs Roberts - Reception Class Teacher (Mrs Roberts' day off is a Tuesday)

Mrs Quayle (am), Mrs Smith (am), Mrs McDermott (all day) - Teaching Assistants

Mrs Hands - Associate Reception Teacher (works Monday pm and Tuesday)

Curriculum Coverage

Phonics Scheme - Read, Write, Inc

Writing Lessons - The Drawing Club

Maths Lessons - White Rose

Spellings - Sir Link-a-lot

Topics - All about me, feelings and emotions, colour, Autumn, black history month, seasonal festivals, Christmas, winter, pirates, dinosaurs, life cycles, mini beasts, maps and the local area, castles, knights and princess'.

RE Curriculum

Autumn - Creation, People who care for us, Advent and Christmas

Spring - Baptism, People who help us, Lent and Holy Week

Summer - Easter, Pentecost and Prayer

Parent's noticeboard - Look out on the noticeboard outside of the Reception classroom for what we are learning about each week ☺

PE - PE (sports) will be on Thursday and will start from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please get your child dressed for PE at home so they come to school in their PE kit. We recommend that your child wears trainers for PE.

### Homework

Reading: Once your child is given a set of reading books, you must read with them every day and record this in their reading record. In addition to this, it is recommended that your child has a picture book read to them before bedtime. When your child has a reading book/wallet it must be brought into school every day.

Homework book: Your child will be set homework once a week in their homework book. The homework will be given on a Friday and must be returned by the following Tuesday.

Speaking homework: Each week your child will be set a tea time talk task on Tapestry. The idea is to set aside some dedicated time to talk about the weekly topic and this potentially could happen over 'tea time/dinner time'.

### Key points for year -

Welcome Mass: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October all our reception children and families are invited to the blessing of the school year and the children are officially invited into the school parish community.

School Trip: In December, the children will go on a festive trip to Ash End House Farm. A letter will be sent home in a few weeks regarding information and payment.

Nativity Play: Reception, alongside Year 1 and Year 2, will perform a Christmas Production.

Assembly: In the spring term, the children will perform a Mother's Day assembly which you will be invited to watch in the school hall.

General reminders - The school day starts at 8.45am. The gate opens at 8.40am to begin lining up for school. The gate will lock automatically at 9.00am. It is imperative that the gate IS NOT pushed/left open. If you are late, please press the buzzer to be connected to the school office. The school day finishes at 3.05pm.

If your child is poorly then please leave a message on the school's answering machine.

Ensure you have the Tapestry app, X app (follow @stosburgs) and check your child's class page on the school website for up to date information and what your child has been learning.

Thank you for your prompt donations to our Reception fund so far. If you haven't paid yet, it is £1.50 a week. This can be paid weekly or termly.

As always, we appreciate your support. If you have any problems please approach a member of staff on the door.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Roberts