



# Reception Newsletter

## Autumn 2022

The children have had a fantastic first week in Reception - they have settled brilliantly and have had lots of fun exploring in their new classrooms!

We would like to thank parents for supporting us with the initial half days earlier in the week. We are able to see such a difference in how the children settle in.

### PE

Tuesday—Mrs Lea's Class      Wednesday—Miss Lidford & Miss Davies's Classes

Children wear their school PE kit for school on the above days (blue or white t-shirt and black shorts with pumps/trainers). As the weather gets cooler please ensure they wear jogging bottoms (black) and a school sweatshirt or fleece over the top of their t-shirt to keep them warm throughout the day. Velcro trainers are preferable rather than laces if your child can't tie their own laces.

Please remember to ensure that children come to school wearing their school uniform and they bring a coat (a warm day can turn surprisingly wet or chilly!).  
\*Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled!

### Homework

Homework will be sent home each half term via a homework sheet. Pupils are asked to complete at least three tasks and these can be uploaded to Seesaw anytime before the end of the half term.


Please help your little ones to practise the following skills at home:

- \* Washing up bowls and cups
- \* Using knives and forks
- \* Putting on their own coats & shoes (don't worry about zips etc to begin with!)
- \* Peeling bananas (we cut our bananas up into sections with the skin left on as it keeps them fresher for longer. Some of the children are struggling to peel the skin off the section so practise always helps!)
- \* Putting lids back on pens



Small steps we know, but the more independent the children are the easier they will find Reception life.



### **Proud Basket**





In order to encourage and celebrate positive behaviour, we have a 'proud basket' in Reception. Children may be awarded something from the basket if they do something to make us all proud. For example, helping a friend or sharing nicely etc. They can choose a little 'toy' from the basket to keep and will be given a little certificate. It is a big achievement to get something from the 'proud basket' and the children really respond well to it.



### **Star of the Week/ Seren yr Wythnos**

Throughout the week, the children all have the opportunity to collect 'serens' (stars) for a range of things. For example, good tidying up, listening to the grown ups, great work etc. Every Friday in class, we then celebrate all of the serens the children have collected. We also have a 'Seren Yr Wythnos' (star of the week) certificate that is awarded to one child who has tried really hard. This is a lovely, positive way to end the week.




### **Dates for your Diary**

01 & 02/09—Inset days  
05/09—Children back to school  
12/09—Meet the Teacher  
06/10—Book fair  
24/10—Individual photos  
28/10—Half term  
07/11—Inset day  
08/11—Children back to school  
18/11—Non-uniform day (Children in Need)  
25/11—Christmas Fair  
29/11—Christmas concert Nursery & Reception  
21/12—Christmas dinner day  
22/12—End of term  
23/12—Inset day



### **Reminder**

Please remember to contact the school office via the ParentMail App or by phone if your child is absent from school. If no reason is given, the mark is recorded as unauthorised.



We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children this term. We are really looking forward to working with them and you, and would like to thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or queries about anything related to your child's time in Reception, please feel free to speak to a member of the team. Mrs. Lea (Head of Year), Miss. Lidford and Miss. Davies.

