

Reception Newsletter Autumn 1

Hello and welcome!



It has been so exciting welcoming your children into our school! They are settling in well and we look forward to working with them over the coming year.

This newsletter will tell you a little about what will be happening this first Autumn term and there will be some dates and some reminders for you too.

Autumn 1 – 'Ourselves'

In Reception we don't have set half-termly topics in the same way that Year 1 and 2 do. Instead we have 'themes' that can cover a range of topics. This allows us to follow the interests of the children and the areas they need to develop in.

This Autumn our theme is 'ourselves'. We will be focusing on building relationships with our adults and the other children in our class. We will share our 'All About Me' books and

talk about the people who are important to us, such as our families and friends. We will be settling into school and becoming familiar with the routines and rules.

Over the next few weeks we will begin to prepare our bodies and our hands for becoming writers and we will learn to write our names with the correct letter formation. We will be working hard on counting groups of objects carefully and accurately. We will be recognising numbers 0-10 and counting forwards and backwards with songs and rhymes.

We will be becoming more independent. We will be getting changed for P.E. and we will be responsible for getting our belongings ready for home-time.

The children are doing well at lunchtimes and enjoying their school dinners. They have done so well that they are going out to play on the 'big playground!' Thank you for your encouragement and support.

Reminders

- Please remember that all children need coat, a pair of wellies and an all-in-one mudsuit / waterproof trousers and top in school at all times. Our 'forest school' sessions begin very soon and these items will help your children to stay warm and dry and a little less muddy!
- Please ensure all school clothing (including hats, gloves and scarves as the weather turns colder!) and water bottles are named.
- Thank you to everyone who has returned their tapestry letters and cooking money, we need both of these returned to school as soon as possible.
- We will be starting PE soon so please ensure your child has a PE kit in school. We ask that long hair is tied back and earrings are either removed or taped up.
- If you think you may be entitled to pupil premium you will receive a £50 voucher towards school uniform etc. Come and see Julie in the office for more info!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: AUTUMN I

Maths talk: Wednesday 5th October

Find out how we teach maths in our school and how you can support your child at home.

Parent Evenings: Week commencing 9th October

These are being held after school during the week beginning 9th October. Exact days and times are yet to be confirmed. We will let you know when the sign-up sheet is put out so you can book your slot with your child's teacher.

Stay and Play sessions: Monday 3rd, 10th and 17th October

Come and join us for Stay and Play! Come in via the office at 2pm. The children will be busy enjoying their 'Discovery Time' and this will be a chance for you to play alongside them in the classroom and we will finish with a sing-song. The theme of this Stay and Play will be 'numbers'.

Harvest Festival: Wednesday 11th October

This is usually held in the morning and is a whole school event. Details will follow nearer the time.