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Wednesday 9th September 2020

Welcome to Reception

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Reception at St. Mary's! We have had a great few days getting to know all of our new Reception children and are very excited for the year to come.

Please find below some further information about Reception.

Reading

Reading is a key skill taught in Reception and is a focus throughout the year. There are some slight differences this year to the way that we normally send books home. Every Friday we will be sending children home with 2 reading books. Children will keep these books for the whole week to read at home with you. Please read both books, talk about the story and pictures. We have attached some bookmarks giving helpful question prompts you may ask your child about the book they are reading. Some of the newer books have key questions to support you in the front and back cover. It is important to do this to develop your child's comprehension skills as well as their knowledge of sounds and words. We expect children to read every day to an adult at home. This constant practise is what builds fantastic readers and is often reflected in the children's writing and spoken vocabulary. Please comment and sign in your child's contact book to reflect this daily reading.

An example of what to put in the contact book: 'X talked about what the characters did in the story. We worked on reading words – the, and, was'.

Please explore other books and types of text with your child. Visit the library, use books to find out information, magazines, recipes, on tv. Please feel free to record this in their contact book also.

Homework

To support your child at home, we will be sending out homework sheets every Friday to consolidate their learning. This will also include a sheet with information about what we will be focusing on in the coming week with some ideas of things you can do at home to support this. There is also a Reception learning map that tells you what we are learning across the half term and gives you an idea of what is coming up and things you can do at home.

Red Words

In addition to this, we will be sending home red words to support the reading scheme. These are words that cannot be sounded out and children need to know them by sight. These will be sent home on Friday 25th September. Children will be given a plastic zip wallet with 5 words in there. Once they can read these words confidently to their teacher they will be given the next 5 words.

P.E.

We will be starting our P.E. classes this term and to help your child prepare for this, we ask that you practise taking on and off their uniform at home. Let them try and this will help them learn to be more independent. PE will be on Mondays for Class A and Thursdays



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for Class B. P.E. kits should consist of navy shorts, navy tracksuit bottoms, a light blue t-shirt, plimsolls and a navy blue jumper. Please make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled. If you have any questions or require any items please speak to the office.

Uniform

At the moment, your child should be wearing the summer uniform to school. Boys should wear a short-sleeved school shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and no tie. Girls should wear summer dresses, school or navy cardigan, white socks and no tie.

After half term, your child should wear the winter uniform. Boys will wear a long sleeved school shirt, grey trousers, grey socks and ties. Girls will wear a navy or school cardigan, navy pinafore, tie and tights (navy or white). No logos on the coats please. They must be plain navy. Children should wear black or navy sensible shoes; no light up soles or trainers are allowed. Please ask one of the staff members if you are unsure or speak to the office. Please make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled. Earrings are not permitted and long hair must be tied up in a simple navy hair tie or bow.

Labels

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings – book bags, P.E. bags, P.E. uniform, plimsolls, school shoes, coats, gloves, scarves, water bottles, hand sanitiser etc. - are correctly **labelled**. Be aware that sometimes these labels wash off and remember to update these regularly.

Lunches

As of Monday 14th September, Reception pupils will be having lunch at school. We will be eating lunch in the classroom before going out to play. Pupils in Reception are entitled to a free school lunch. Currently this is a packed lunch which includes a sandwich, piece of fruit and usually a cake, biscuit or yoghurt. If children don't want a school packed lunch they are able to bring their own packed lunch in; please ensure this is in a named lunch box.

Water bottles and hand sanitiser

We are asking for pupils to bring in a named water bottle each day which will be kept in a safe place for them to have a drink when they require. These should only contain water, no juice. Pupils are also allowed to bring in a small, named bottle of hand sanitiser which will remain in the classroom.

Yellow books

On Friday 11th September pupils will be sent home with a yellow workbook labelled 'Home Learning.' This book is for you to use at home to share your child's successes with us. We will collect and share these every half term.

Book bags

Please ensure book bags are labelled correctly and that there are no toys or keyrings hanging on them.



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Birthdays

When it is your child's birthday, you have the option to send in a birthday book that we can read and share with the class. This will be written inside to mark your child's birthday and will be added to our class library as a memento for years to come. Please note that cakes and sweets are not permitted, so please do not send them in to school when it is your child's birthday.

If you have any questions about this or anything else, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff or call the school office.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year with our new Reception classes.

With every kind wish,

Miss Dennis, Mrs Green and the Reception Team ☺



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