

Dear Parents/Careers,

It was lovely to meet so many of you with your children on our open day and I am very excited to be starting this academic year with your children as they begin their school journey.

During the first couple of weeks, the children will become familiar with the Reception classroom and begin to get used to our classroom routines and what is expected of them whilst they are at school. Although there will be allocated time for the teaching of "Specific" areas of learning there will also be a focus on continuous provision covering the "Prime" areas of learning. This will enable both individual and collaborative approaches to their learning experience.

Each child will have their own online "Learning Journal" via our 'Seesaw' platform which will contain pictures and/or written evidence of how they are progressing on their journey through the EYFS curriculum and what their next steps should be to enhance their learning experiences. Access information to your child's journal will follow.

Reading is fundamental to a child's learning. We know how important it is to work in partnership with parents and carers to help children to develop their confidence in this area. Reading together at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child. As you share books together, you will help to develop your child's reading skills and show them how enjoyable and important reading is.

Initially, all children will be given a book to take home. This book may not contain words; however, picture books allow teachers and parents to spend time discussing the story and pictures. This gives young readers confidence and allows them to talk about what they see on the page, what is happening in the story, what the characters are doing, and which events have unfolded.

As our initial topic during autumn term is all about ourselves and our families could you please send a picture in of your family that you child can talk about and display in the classroom.

Please ensure you send your child's PE kit into school as soon as possible. It can stay in school for the half term and then be sent home to be washed. Wellies kept in school would also be helpful for when we have access to the forest school area.

Our school day will begin 9.00am, drop off from the Reception gate entrance from 8.45am. Lunch will be at 11.50 - 1.00pm. Our school day will end 3.20pm, collection will be from the Reception gate entrance.

If you ever need to discuss your child's learning or if you have any issues surrounding school/their academic learning please do not hesitate to contact me. This can either be done by emailing the school office (who will forward relevant emails to myself), speaking to me when dropping off or collecting, or writing a short note in your child's School Planner. I will then respond in the appropriate manner.

Our teaching assistant helping your child grow this year is Mrs Cheers. We are very much looking forward to working together with you and your child for the beginning of their school journey!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Parkinson

