



Reception News



Friday 6th September

This week in Reception

Welcome to your first weekly newsletter. What a busy week it has been. All the children have been amazing and have settled so well into school life. They have enjoyed playing in our home corner, playing outside and making lots of new friends. We are so proud of them all and look forward to next week!

Next week, all children will be staying at school full time. Please note, children should be at school between **8:45—8:55 a.m.** and should be collected at **3:15 p.m. (see below)**. We will be continuing to learn new routines and will be completing some simple tasks with each child. Have a super weekend!

Next week in Reception

Sounds of the week

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We will be having daily phonic sessions using our new phonics scheme.

Number work

We will be finding out more about what the children know about numbers this week. We will be singing lots of number songs and counting sets of objects too.

Our day

From next week children should arrive at school between **8:45 and 8:55 am.** Parents should bring the children to the gate and then the children can walk across the playground into the classroom on their own. Staff will be around if they need a little help. At the end of the day the gate will be opened at **3:05pm** and parents can come onto the playground to wait for their child. The children will be coming out at **3:15 pm.**

For the first few weeks we will begin releasing the children **a few minutes before this (from around 3:10 pm)** if parents are waiting, as we know this will take us a while. Please be assured that if you are not on the playground early we will keep your child safe behind the gate until you arrive. Thank you for your patience.

Topic focus

Next week we will continue to get to know the children a little better and will complete our own baseline assessments. By finding out what they can already do, we can effectively plan for their next steps.

We will begin to look through the **'All about me'** boxes that the children have made at home next week. Please send this in as soon as it is ready so your child can take part in this activity.

Snack cafe

Cafe donation letters have been sent via Parent Mail today. Each day the children are given access to a snack midway through the morning. This will consist of a range of different fruit and vegetable snacks and will also include other alternative snacks too. Children will also be offered a drink of milk. If you are able, please send your cafe donations to Mrs Raxton as soon as possible in a named envelope. Thank you.

Lunchtime

From Monday, the children will be having their lunch at school. If your child is having a **school lunch**, please make sure you have **ordered this online by Sunday evening for the week**. Reception children do not need to pay for their lunches however please make sure you have 'checked out' in order for the request to be sent.

Only water is available to drink at lunchtime so you can send a drink in for your child if you wish e.g. a carton of juice.

Please ask your child to give this to the class teacher and we will put them in the fridge until lunchtime.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home, this should be brought into the classroom each day and left in the cloakroom.

Lunch time runs from 12:15—13:15. After eating in the hall, children will go out to play on the KS1 playground with Yr1 and Yr2 children.

We know that some children can find lunchtime tricky for a while and Reception staff will be on-hand in the dinner hall to help them. We will let you know after school or through a private dojo message if we are concerned that your son/ daughter has not eaten enough at lunchtime.

REMINDER:

We are a NUT-FREE school. Please help us to keep all our children safe by ensuring that you do not send any nuts or items containing nuts into school with your child e.g. in their lunch box. Please remind your child that they can not share food in school and must only eat food that has been sent in their own lunch box or provided in our snack cafe.

PE

Our P.E. day is on a **Friday**. For the first few weeks, we **will not** be getting changed but will use the time to get used to the space in the hall. We will learn how to take our shoes, socks and jumpers/cardigans on and off without losing them!

Please make sure children have their names in their shoes and jumpers/cardigans so they can find the right ones.

Please note: long hair needs to be tied back for P.E. and any earrings need to be removed at home before school.

Please remember to send your child's water bottle and book bag into school every day. Please ensure that the bottle is filled with water only and not with juice or squash.

Squash or a carton of juice can be sent in to be drunk during our snack time if you wish but we will keep this bottle on the teacher's desk. Any concerns or questions, please speak to one of the team.

Birthdays

This half term we will be celebrating the following birthdays...

Teddy, Cali, Waka, Milo and Hibba

We hope you all have a lovely birthday.