



Reception News



Friday 13th September

This week in Reception

We have had a great week in Reception and would like to say a big well done to all the children for completing their first full week at school. They have worked really hard and I am sure they will be feeling very tired by the time they come home to you this evening. Thank you for sending in the 'All about me' boxes. We will share these next week and will send them home once we have looked at them all.

Next week in Reception

Sounds of the week

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We will have **daily phonic sessions** using our new phonics scheme.

Number work

This week we will be focusing on **matching** and **sorting** objects.

Key vocabulary: same, different, similar, match, shape, size,

Our day

The coming to school and going home arrangements seem to be working well. We have been so pleased that lots of the children are walking across the play ground on their own each morning and are already starting to remember where to put their coats, water bottles and book bags when they are in the classroom—great!

We know there may be a few tears and staff are always on hand to support your child if they are a little tearful.

We will continue to practise lining up at the end of the day. We always insist that children stay in the line and wait until the teacher at the gate has seen their adult before they leave. Thank you for helping us by waving at us—this helps staff and the children to spot you more easily. We will continue to release children from around 10 past 3 to any parents that are waiting.

Words of the week

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Topic focus

We will look at the story 'Elmer'. We will be thinking all about colour and will be talking about our favourite colour. We will be developing our cutting skills by making stick puppets. We will use the story of Elmer to talk about how we are all unique and special.

Snack time

Thank you for the donations that have already been sent into school for the snack time.

Next week we will supplement the daily fruit and milk with breadsticks, crackers or rice cakes.

Receipts will be placed in book bags next week.

Lunch time

Lunch time supervisors will usually let me know if your child hasn't eaten very much at lunch time, especially if they had a hot dinner and I will pass this message on to you either through a direct message on class dojo or by catching you at the end of the day. Hopefully this will help parents to know what foods to avoid when ordering meals from home.

Pupil premium

If you are in receipt of any of the following then you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. If eligible your child will be entitled to free school meals for the 7 years they are with us and will be awarded some additional funding that will be used by the school to fund a number of different things e.g. booster support, additional resources, clubs etc.

Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Please use this link to apply ASAP—

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>

REMINDER:

We encourage all children to bring a water bottle with them each day. This bottle remains in a basket in the classroom and the children can have a quick drink out of their water bottle when needed throughout the day. These bottles should **only contain water** and should not contain squash or juice.

Milk is offered during the morning during snack time. If your child will not drink milk or water an alternative drink can be sent in from home to have at snack time. Similarly, if your child is having a school dinner, please send a carton of drink or something similar for your child to have at dinner time if you do not think they will drink the water on offer.

BASELINE

Mrs Darby will be completing the Reception Baseline Assessment with each child over the next couple of weeks. Further information about this assessment has been posted on our class dojo page.

Our class bear!

Our class bear will be spending the weekend with a different child each week.

It will be coming home on a Friday night and should be returned to school by the following Wednesday at the latest. This weekend the class bear will go home with Mrs Darby.

P.E.

We will be doing PE again on Friday morning. We will only remove shoes, socks and cardigans/jumpers again this week. If you have a PE kit ready at home, please send it in and we will begin getting changed as soon as we are ready. If you have any issues with PE kits or PE bags, please speak to Mrs Parkes in the school office.

It was lovely to see some of you again at the coffee morning today—thank you for popping along to say hello.