

Dates:

Harvest week - Week beginning 24th September

Open evening - Wednesday 17th October 3.30pm-5.30pm

Parent consultations - Week beginning 22nd October

Half term - Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November

Occasional day - Friday 30th November

Reception Christmas show - Tuesday 11th December 2.00pm

Last day of term - Friday 21st December 1.30pm

Christmas holidays - Monday 24th December - Monday 7th January

Finally, don't forget to check the weekly newsletter on *parentmail* and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Mrs Steiner Mrs Knight Mrs Prendergast

Miss Long Mrs McCormack Mrs Peeroozee Mrs Turney

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Termly Information
Reception

Autumn 2018

Welcome

Welcome to all the new Reception children and parents, we have loved meeting you all. Over the next few weeks we will be getting to know each other even better and the children will have the opportunity to explore all the different areas in Reception. On Fridays we have music with Mr Williams. We have indoor PE on Wednesday afternoons and outdoor PE with Miss Breckenridge on Friday morning. PE kits are kept on the children's pegs and need washing only in the holidays. This term we will cover a range of topics including Autumn and Harvest.

Please note the following:

Clothing Your child has the opportunity to go outside every day during CIL (Child Initiated Learning). Children may choose to play indoors or outdoors or a mixture of both. Please make sure they have suitable clothing and help them to be as independent as possible with dressing, especially with putting on their own coats. Remember there is no unsuitable weather only unsuitable clothing! Also please supply a spare set of underwear in your child's PE bag. Please **NAME ALL CLOTHING**.

Arrival and pick up times Reception begins at 8.50am and the school gates will be open until 9.00am. If you arrive late please go to the office. The school gates will be opened at 3.10pm to allow access for parents/carers to pick up children at 3.15pm directly from the Reception gate. If somebody different is going to pick up your child please inform a member of staff or the office in the morning.

Sickness Please be aware that if your child is sick he/she needs to stay at home for a full **48 hours** afterwards. Do not be tempted to send him/her back any earlier even if they seem well enough or are eager to return. Thank you.

Junk modelling We like to maintain a good supply of small cardboard boxes, plastics trays and bottle tops for junk modelling. No toilet roll middles though for health and safety reasons. We also collect old birthday cards or other suitable pictures for cutting out and unused envelopes for using in our writing area.

Letters and Sounds activities Every week the children do 'Letters and Sounds' activities. These are an important part of our curriculum and are designed to develop the children's phonic skills. Blending and segmenting these sounds supports early reading and writing.

Reading Children will learn sight vocabulary by practising 'animal words'. The children will take part in Guided Reading each week and they will also choose an individual reading book (the first of which is coming home today) and these may be changed by placing the book and Reading record in the basket in the classroom.

Writing It would be wonderful if the children could practise writing their names and make as much mark-making as possible (with or without letter shapes).

Show and Tell A rota for "Show and Tell" will come home shortly. Starting next, home sheets will be available in class for any wonderful learning the children do out of school.

Brown Mouse and White Mouse We have a Brown Mouse puppet and a White Mouse puppet in Reception. White mouse is always worried and thinks he is no good at anything whereas Brown mouse is much more positive and always willing to give things a go even if they are a bit tricky. We will use these puppets to encourage a growth mind set. Throughout the year we tell stories about the mice and encourage the children to 'be like Brown Mouse and have a go' (e.g. putting their coat on by themselves).

Champ certificates These are awarded each week to children in Reception who have done something extra special. It may be that they have been a really good friend or they have been especially helpful. They may have done something for the first time or perhaps they have tried really hard at something tricky. Their efforts and achievements are celebrated in our EYFS celebration assembly every Wednesday. We also celebrate through house points and privilege cards.