

# *Welcome to Foundation Stage*



Hello everyone!

What a busy first full week back at school. We have been getting to know each other, learning how to use our new classroom and settling in the new starters.

We hope you have all had a lovely summer; we have loved hearing all about it from the children.

## Building work

We are currently undergoing some building work on the roof. Therefore, we are unable to use the Foundation Stage yard. However, we have an area zoned off, especially for us! We are still able to access the outdoor area during our exploring time. This is just a temporary measure and things will return to normal soon.

The water tray and mud kitchen are outside everyday. You can bring in a pair of wellington boots to stay at school for when your child would like to play outside. We would also like to ask for spare clothes to be brought in to leave on your child's peg in case of accidents.

We open the Foundation Stage door at 8.45am for all our children. Your child will bring in their items and put them on their peg.

Reception will need to be collected from the Foundation Stage door at 3.15pm.

Nursery will need to be collected from the conservatory door at 11.45am, unless they are staying for lunch.

However, until the building work is completed, your child will meet you at the gate by the field.

## Reminders...

This term, Reception children are to come to school in their PE kits on Tuesdays. Please make sure on colder days, children have a set of warm PE clothes to wear as some PE lessons will still be taking place outside.

School policy is that children are allowed to wear stud earrings however no jewellery is permitted during PE sessions so please remove earrings on these days. No other jewellery is permitted.

Please can you continue to develop your child's independence by encouraging your child to dress themselves.

A little reminder on the PE kit....

This will strictly be:

A PLAIN coloured t-shirt in your child's team colour (NOT a football top - this must be plain)

Black leggings / joggers / shorts (weather dependent)

PLAIN black hoodie / sweatshirt / zip up top

Trainers or pumps (children must be able to fasten these independently)

Please note the uniform is in place to ensure all our children are equal across the school and there are no differences with regards to labels or brands. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Nursery will not need a separate PE lesson, our classroom environment will help develop your child's physical development. They do not need a PE kit and are not expected to get changed.

Many children have got new coats over the Summer Holidays, please check your child can put on their new coat and fasten up the new zip/button it up! Your child needs to bring a coat everyday regardless of the weather as we are always in and out, throughout the day.



---

*Please can you put your child's name in EVERYTHING – we cannot stress this point enough. Even shoes!!!*

---

Your child is able to bring in a book bag and a water bottle clearly marked with their name on. The school policy is juice free. Your child must have water or still flavoured water.

## Snack



Your child will have access to a selection of snacks throughout the day, including bagels, fruit and cereal. We encourage the children to be independent in pouring their own milk or water.

We also have a special snack during the week relating to the interests of the children or seasonal celebrations. To allow us to continue this, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 a week.

All money needs to be placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and date.

## Lunches and wrap around

All Reception children are entitled to a FREE school meal!

Thank you to those parents who have ordered their child's lunch with them at home. This is so helpful as it takes time to go through everyone and order lunches at school which in turn eats into learning time. If you are unsure how to do this please contact the school office who will advise you. This also means that you know what your child is having for their lunch and that they have chosen something you know they will enjoy.

Nursery are able to stay for lunch for £1.75 per day. If your child is staying for lunch and you do not qualify for 30 hours you will need to pay for childcare. Your child can stay until 1pm at the cost of £5 or until 3.15pm at the cost of £10.50. Please let a member of staff know if you would like your child to stay. This needs to be paid for on the day. If you have any questions, please send us a message on Seesaw.

## Reading and Homework

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

We have sent home a non-worded home book with the Reception children. Please use these at home each school night and pop them back in their Book Bag for the next day at school. We ask that you please make a comment in their Reading Record to let us know how they’ve got on as well as giving them lots of praise at home for their reading too! We will inform you shortly of how we intend to introduce a reward system for reading at home.

I would like to reassure you that if you have any worries or questions you are always welcome to come and speak to myself or one of our adults at the end of the school day. We will always do our best to resolve any issues. We just ask that if you could hang back until all children have gone and then let us know you’d like a chat.

The Foundation Stage Team