

**Absences** - If your child is absent from school, please contact the school before 9:15 to inform us. If we have not been contacted, the school administrator is required to phone home to find out where your child is. I am sure you can appreciate the safety issue involved here.

**Beginning of the day** - Please come in the main gate and go down the path to the right of the school building. The path will take you to the lower playground. The gate will be opened at 8:45 and the children can come on into the classroom. The children will be encouraged to come into the classroom on their own. We will be busy settling children into school at the beginning of the day, so if you wish to talk to us at length, please see us after school. Messages can also be written in the Home/School Book.

**Breakfast Club** - This is run from Monday to Friday from 8:00am in the school library. Toast, cereals, fruit and milk are made available. Please let the school office know if you wish to make use of the club.

**Buddy** - We are hoping that your child will have a Big Buddy from Year 6 who will help them settle into school when it is safe to do so.

**End of the day** - The children will be sent out to meet you from the classroom at 3:15pm. Please wait for them on the lower playground. Children will not be sent onto the playground unless there is someone waiting for them. If someone else is picking your child up, please let the school office know or put a note in the home school book.

**Adventure Island** - Please can you provide a change of clothes, in a bag, for your child to wear to the Far Field. We can get very dirty! It is best that trousers/leggings and a long sleeved top are worn. Wellies will be needed if the ground is wet underfoot. Our session at the Far Field will normally be on a Wednesday afternoon.

**Home/School Book** - Your child will come home with this blue book each day. The book is a useful way for us to communicate with each other. It will be looked at daily.

**Illness** - Please let us know when your child is ill and if the illness is an infectious one. If a child has had sickness or diarrhoea they are required to remain off school for 48 hours from the last occurrence.

**Medicines** - An 'Administration of Medicines in School' form is available from the school office and will need to be completed for any medicines we give.

**Packed lunches** - We recommend that you do not include chocolate spread/jam sandwiches, sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks. Please avoid any food containing nuts. Please name your child's lunch box somewhere on the outside of the box.

**Parents' meetings** - Individual meetings with Mrs Raffell, will be arranged at the end of the first half of the term, subject to Covid 19. It will be an opportunity to talk about how your child is settling into school.

**Parent Support Co-ordinator and Early Help** - For confidential advice, support and information, Cara Shepherd is at the end of a phone. Please feel free to call Cara who will be based at Sidmouth College from September.

**Parent Teacher Friends' Association** - All parents are members of the PTFA and are welcome to take an active role in it by attending meetings and helping with the events that are organised.

**PE kit** - This needs to comprise of a white t- shirt, blue shorts and trainers. Trainers are much better than plimsolls and give much more support for their feet. If you can get trainers with Velcro even better!! The kit will stay in school and be sent home each half term, in case it needs washing. **Please name all items.**

**Rewards** As a school we give out certificates for Responsibility, Readiness, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Resilience, together with others that are awarded. Your child will also be placed in one of our four school teams, Red, Blue, Green or Yellow. Children can earn points for their team in a variety of ways. Our Behaviour Policy can be found on the school's website.

**School Council** - Two members of the class will be selected to join the School Council and those children will represent our class at School Council meetings.

**School dinners** - A menu for the term will be sent to you and is available on our website. Currently your child will receive a free school meal. At the beginning of a week please write the meals that you are choosing for the week ahead. Let us know if your child is having the main meal, vegetarian option, a jacket potato or a packed lunch, via the Home/School Diary.

**Snack** - The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a break time snack of fruit or vegetables. There is no charge for the snack.

**Sun hats and sun cream** - Please provide these for your child as soon as the weather warrants it. We can help your child to top up their sun-cream, but please could you apply some thoroughly before he/she comes to school. Caps are available to buy from the school office, but you can use other sun hats.

**Please name hats and sun-cream bottles.**

**Take-home bags and PE bags** - These are available to buy at the school office.

**Toys** - Your child is welcome to bring one toy into school to play with at break times. Please make sure that the toy is not too large and not too precious, in case they are lost or broken. The toy will be your child's responsibility.

**Twilight Club** - This runs from Monday to Friday from 3:15pm to 5:00pm, in the school library. Toast, fruit and a drink are made available. Places need to be booked via the school office on a Monday. There is a sliding scale of charges.

**Uniform** - Please refer to our separate letter regarding the purchasing of uniform. A waterproof coat is a necessity, even in the summer! **Please name all clothing.** Shoes should provide good support for your child's feet. More details relating to our uniform are contained in the School Information Booklet.

**Water bottles** - We want water to be available for the children at all times. The Parent Teacher Association is kindly providing water bottles for each new child. In our class the bottles will be filled, emptied and cleaned for the children.

**Website** - You can keep up to date with news on our school website and class webpage. You will also receive our online newsletter 'School Matters' and ESchools letters with updates.

# Information for Reception Barn Owls