

Reception Newsletter!

Friday 14th September 2018

Week 2

We have had a fantastic and busy week in Reception. We are so thrilled with how well the children have settled and how much they are enjoying our routines, especially 'wake up shake up' in the morning! Ask us to tell you all about it!

This week we have enjoyed talking about ourselves and what makes us special. We really enjoyed reading the stories 'Elmer' and "I'm Special, I'm me!" We then had lots of fun making playdough faces, smiley faces out of natural materials and even painting self-portraits (which are on display in our classroom.) We then made our 'I am special mirror'. Every time we look into our mirrors we are reminded just how special we are. Ask us all about it!

We have really enjoyed our school lunches this week! Mr Brennan and the lunchtime staff have praised the children for their excellent manners and clean plates! We have received lots of golden tickets! Ask us all about it!

On Wednesday we had a fantastic time in our P.E session. Mr Thompson was delighted with the children's listening skills and their enthusiasm and eagerness to explore the different equipment. Ask us about playing hockey, basketball and throwing the 'rockets' (foam javelins.)

Next week we will begin our 'Autumn Days' topic. We sent home a Topic Overview along with key information on Wednesday. We will begin our topic by investigating what we already know about Autumn, sharing what we would like to find out and looking for signs that Autumn is near.

Learning at home

We love to hear about the experiences and learning that takes place outside of school and encourage you to share as much of these wonderful experiences your child receives as you can.

As a way to share and celebrate learning outside of school we have created a 'Sharing Wall' display in our corridor. Each child has a special board where we can display their learning. We would love for you to send in examples of their experiences outside of school, which could include photographs, a note from parents/grandparents or children's pictures/writing. We have sent home a template you may like to use and encourage you to send in as much as you can, as often as you can.

Week beginning Monday 17th September

Next week, Monday 17th September, **the children begin attending school for full days.** The children should arrive at school between 8.50-8.55am and enter through the Reception garden. **The children should be picked up at 3.15pm from the Reception garden.**

Staffing: Mrs Humes is renewing her first aid qualification on Monday. To continue our successful transition Ms Shepherd will be teaching all day.

Ask me about stickers

You may have noticed we have started to use our 'Ask me about...stickers.' These are a great way to share your child's learning with you at home. We would like to encourage you to write your own stickers and send your child into school with them on their jumper/cardigan. This is a great way for you to share your child's experiences outside of school with us. We talk about the sticker with your child and add it to their learning journey.

PE and Outdoor activities

Thank you so much for sending in P.E kits, waterproofs and wellies. This half term our P.E sessions will focus on exploring different P.E equipment and practicing stopping and starting/following instructions. **We intend to be outdoors as much as possible this term and ask that you please ensure that your child has wellies and waterproofs in school every day.** Please put names in absolutely everything as it really helps to keep our cloakroom tidy as well as helping to ensure nothing gets lost or misplaced. Thank you for your support.

Wow Wednesday Dates

Wow Wednesdays provide an opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journey. **They are held between 8.30-8.50am on the following dates:**

- Wednesday 3rd October
- Wednesday 17th October
- Wednesday 14th November
- Wednesday 28th November
- December date TBC

Our week in pictures...



We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,

Ms Shepherd and the Reception Team.