

Hello Everybody,

My name is Miss Turner and I am going to be your new Reception teacher next year. I am so excited to meet you all and I know that we are going to have the most wonderful year. I have worked at St Wilfrid's for 8 years now and as well as being a Reception teacher, I also lead the school's phonics and reading programme called Read Write Inc.

Coming to big school is very exciting and here are a few things that you can do to prepare yourselves before:

- Practise putting on and taking off your own **coat**, don't forget to try and do your **zip up** by yourself
- You need to be able to dress and undressed in PE, and to be able to take your jumper off when you're too hot in our classroom
- When you are in Reception you will need to be able to feed yourself, so **practise using a knife and fork**
- You could try to **recognise and write your name** as this is something we try to learn straight away in September
- Do lots of counting, singing number songs and recognising different **numbers and shapes**

I would love for you to 'Tweet' me pictures of what you have been doing to help yourself prepare for starting school- my Twitter is **@cturnerstwilf**

Coming to school can be a bit of a scary thought, but all of the teachers will be here to make the transition as fun and exciting for you all. I promise that you will love your new class so much!

There are some things that you will need to bring with you to school:

- A **school bag** to put all of your lovely work in
- **School shoes which have Velcro** on them- this will help you to be able to do up your own shoes
- A **PE kit**, which is in a PE bag (see the school website for what a PE kit includes)
- **Spare clothes and pants** (which doesn't have to be uniform)
- If you choose to bring **tuck money** then this needs to be in a **named purse**

Also remember to **label all of your school uniform, your coat and your PE kit with your name!**

This will help you and the teachers to make sure that you keep all of your belongings safe.

It has been a very different few months and I am sure that you have been spending lots of time at home, but I don't want you to worry about coming back to school: it will be great! I am really looking forward to seeing you all, have the most wonderful summer, stay safe and enjoy yourselves.

Miss Turner