

Friday 4 September 2020

A warm Reception welcome!



First of all, welcome to Emscote Infant School! We hope you have had a wonderful summer! We have really enjoyed our Zoom calls with you this week!

Tapestry online learning journal

If you do not receive an activation email over the weekend (for you to set up your own password) then it means I don't yet have your email address. Please fill out the form below and hand it to Mrs Ormandy on the gate next week so I can add you as soon as possible. Then you will be able to access your child's online learning journal to see some of the lovely things they are doing at school. There will be nothing on it initially, but we will add their photo and first observations early next week. Thank you!

Important reminders for next week:

- **School uniform, bookbag, coat, named water bottle** to come into school ready filled, daily (No squash please).
- **PE kit** to come in any day next week.
- **Wellies** in a named carrier bag, ideally only on very wet days but if you'd prefer to leave a pair in school that's fine!
- **ONE healthy snack** to come in daily (from Monday). If you send in grapes, please cut them in half. Ideally your child needs to be independent opening their snack wrapper or tupperware. School fruit should start again in a few weeks – we will keep you posted!
- **Please clearly name everything possible! (Including their water bottle)**



Bookbags

- **Letters and your child's crafts** will be put in your child's bookbags so please check these **each night**.
- If you have any **letters or slips** to return to school/get to us then please do not put these in the bookbag as we don't get time to check bookbags. Instead, give them directly to Mrs Ormandy on the gate in the morning.
- We will keep your child's **reading packet** in their bookbag so please make sure these are in their bookbags each day, ready to read with us anytime. Reading Packets will be given out during the next few weeks.

Soft toys and books from home

Please don't allow your child to bring in toys or books from home at the moment, even just in their book bags. As soon as this changes, I will let you know, as it's lovely for children to share favourite books/toys with the class.

Arrangements for drop off and pick up - Please adhere to the Covid guidelines we emailed out.

- We try to build up the independence in the children from the beginning, so we ask that when you come to school you say a confident goodbye and let your child walk through the Reception wooden gate and into the cloakroom themselves. Mrs Ormandy will be standing at the gate ready to take any messages, Mrs Hart will be in the cloakroom ready to help the children and the teachers will be in the classroom ready to greet them.
- It is tempting to hang around and look for them through the window (especially in Cherry class) but this can really unsettle them, so please make a swift exit! (Also as it adheres to our Covid guidelines).
- If there is a message you would like to pass on to your child's teacher or someone different will be collecting your child from school, please tell Mrs Ormandy on the gate in the morning.

Your child's Birthday: Your child is still allowed to wear their own clothes as a treat on their birthday (or the closest Friday or Monday). However, they can not bring in birthday sweets to give out to their class, due to Covid Guidelines. Thank you!

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A reminder of names to faces!



From left to right:

Mrs Fawbert (Cherry teacher and EYFS Leader), **Mrs Ormandy** (Cherry Teaching Assistant), **Mrs Hutchin** (working in Cherry class to support a child), **Mrs Constable** (Cherry/Willow teacher), **Mrs Gray** (Willow teacher), **Mrs Hart** (Willow Teaching Assistant) and **Miss Bayliss** (working in Willow class to support a child)

Cherry staffing each week:

Monday: Mrs Fawbert
Tuesday: Mrs Constable
Wednesday: Mrs Fawbert and then Mrs Constable for an hour during the afternoon
Thursday: Mrs Fawbert
Friday: Mrs Fawbert
Mrs Ormandy and Mrs Hutchin all week.

Willow staffing each week:

Monday: Mrs Gray
Tuesday: Mrs Gray
Wednesday: Mrs Gray and then Mrs Constable for an hour during the afternoon
Thursday: Mrs Constable
Friday: Mrs Gray
Mrs Hart and Miss Bayliss all week.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

10th June 2020

All reception children have a personal on-line Learning Journey which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time in reception. We use an online system called Tapestry which allows you to visit your child's online Learning Journey and, in addition to viewing our contributions, we encourage you to add to it by uploading your own observations, photos and comments, or commenting on observations made by us.

Tapestry is not our only tool that we depend on to record your child's learning. We also have a literacy book, maths book, topic book and handwriting folder. Tapestry we mainly use to capture anything your child chooses to do independently within the learning environment. These are unique and different for each child. We aim to upload at least one Tapestry a week per child, but a lot of their work still goes into their books.

We have our own Tapestry website on which we will be able to set you up with an account. If you do not have access to email, your child is still able to have an online Learning Journey which you can access through the use of a school computer by speaking to your class teacher to arrange. Then at the end of the year I will email all the observations to you to keep.

Tapestry is hosted in the UK on GDPR compliant secure servers, and it is designed to be a safe and secure on-line Learning Journey tool. Tapestry gives you secure access (via a website which you login to using your email address and making your own password) to your child's Learning Journey. In order for your child's Learning Journey to be created, please give us permission by completing the attached slip and clearly writing your email address (up to two email addresses per child). You will receive an email from Tapestry, inviting you to activate your account by forming your own unique password and look at your child's Learning Journey. Each parent only has access to their own child's account but due to the nature of learning in the EYFS, children may appear on photographs with others in group observations. If you have any questions or queries about the on-line Learning Journeys please do get in contact with me.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Fawbert

I give permission for you to activate my child's online Learning Journey. **Please complete this slip very clearly, especially email addresses.**

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Signature: _____

Parent's full name: _____ and email: _____

If you'd like a second email address to also be activated then please complete this below:

Parent's full name: _____ and email: _____

If it's tricky to print this, then please simply write these details on a piece of paper and hand it to Mrs Ormandy on the gate next week.