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Dear Parents,

We hope that your child is enjoying their first two weeks in school and feeling happy and settled in their class. From Monday 18th September the children will line up in the playground and their Class Teacher will walk the line into class at 8.50am. Parents are still welcome to come into class with their child to change their reading books and help settle them in. We ask that Parents do not help their child hang their coat up in the corridor as it can get very congested with children from other year groups. Class adults will be on hand to help the children with this.

From Monday 18th children can stay full time with a school dinner or packed lunch. Please note that there is no salad bar option for Reception. Children who are still part time may also stay for dinner and go home at 12.45pm. We will discuss full or part time arrangements for your child towards the end of the second week in school.

PPA Teachers. Mrs Wyatt, Mrs Caudwell and Mrs Ward all have time out of class every week for Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA). Mrs Liv teaches in RJW on Wednesday morning and RCW on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Parry teaches in RCW during the last hour on Thursday afternoons.

PE: Children will need their PE kit in a named PE bag. Please leave the bag on your child's peg until half term. Daps and trainers for outdoor games are not needed until terms 5 and 6. Please also ensure that all items of clothing, including shoes, are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Snacks and Packed Lunches: Please send a fruit or vegetable snack for morning break. We share school fruit in the afternoon. For children having a packed lunch, please ensure that there are no raw nuts products (including peanut butter and Nutella).

Home learning: Children will be able to bring home class reading books in the coming weeks. There will be an opportunity to change reading books (and picture story books from the book corner) every day to share and enjoy at home. Please see the notes in the front of the reading record book for hints and tips on reading with your child. We will send home phonic sheets for children to practise reading and writing the letter sounds taught in school during the week.

Timings: The school day begins at 8.50am and your child's teacher will collect the class from the line in the playground (from Monday 19th September). Parents can choose to say goodbye to their child in the line or come into the classroom to settle them in. The register is taken at 9am prompt. If you arrive in school later please sign in at the office and then bring your child to their classroom.

The school day for Reception ends at 3.20pm. Please wait outside the classrooms in the Reception Play Area and we will hand your child to you from their classroom.

Topics: The topic theme for Term 1 is 'Me and My Friends'. Please see the topic plan for more details of our learning activities this term

Parents' Meetings: We will arrange two Parents' Meetings during the school year in January and May (dates to be confirmed). These will provide opportunities to discuss your child's wellbeing, development and progress. If you need to speak or meet with us at any other times please don't hesitate to make an appointment.

With best wishes for a very happy and successful year.

The Reception Team

Resilience

Innovation



Partnerships

Excellence