

Friday 10th September 2021

RECEPTION NEWS LETTER

Welcome to Reception. It has been fantastic to see the new Active Ants and Busy Bees settle so brilliantly into their classrooms. We have really enjoyed getting to know them and watching them establish beautiful friendships with their peers. During this transition period, children will have carpet sessions, time to explore their new classroom, the joint outdoor area, along with a short 1:1 session with their classroom teacher. In this 1:1 session, each child will complete a series of fun and interactive activities, known as a 'Baseline Assessment.' Please be assured this is not a test and is carried out with lots of positive praise and stickers! Once the first three weeks of transition have finished children will begin formal learning. Free play, known as 'choosing', will be broken up with various Phonics, Maths, Literacy and motor skills carpet sessions.

What do children need to bring daily?

In Reception we encourage children to drink lots of water throughout the day to keep themselves healthy. Therefore, please could you ensure your child comes to school with a filled and named water bottle everyday.

As formal teaching begins, children will begin to have a 1:1 reading session with either the class teacher or the teaching assistant once a week. Children will be required to bring their book bag on their reading day and take it home in the evening. When children are at home we highly encourage children to read with a grown up as practice strongly helps children's reading development. You will be able to log when you have read with your children but more information will be coming on this soon during our 'Welcome to Reception' event.

As lots of children's learning happens outside and with the autumn fast approaching, please could you ensure that children come to school with an appropriate coat. We will be outside in all weathers so please check the weather forecast before sending your child into school. The British weather can be very changeable!

When is my child's PE day?

Every TUESDAY

Please ensure that your child is dressed in a comfortable PE kit with supportive trainers. Children need to wear their PE top (the colour of their house) and either blue or navy shorts or joggers. Children can wear their OAMR green hoody on their PE day.

Important dates

Welcome to Reception event- The curriculum and reading:

Date to be confirmed.

Inset day:

Friday 16th October

End of term:

Friday 23rd October

iPad's

As part of the Oasis Horizons project children will be given iPads to support their learning at home and in school. Children in Year 1 and onwards have their iPads already. Children in Reception will be given their iPads in January once they have settled into formal learning.

