



Reception newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is great to see how quickly our Reception children are settling into school routines and adapting to school life. Thank you for your support with the safe handover of children each morning and after school using the class gates. We have all been so impressed with the children's positivity and enthusiasm for learning.

Mrs Oldman
Reception Year Leader

PE

Reception PE sessions are on a Monday afternoon. We will be changing into our school PE kits by the October half term break. These can be purchased at Harrisons on Southtown Road.

Topic

Our first topic is 'All About Me'. Children will be learning about past and present events in their own and their family's lives and discussing similarities and differences between themselves and others. We will be promoting an understanding of tolerance and sensitivity to the likes and needs of others. Later on in the term, we will be learning about our town and community.

Our School Uniform

The children look extremely smart in their new uniforms. Please do ensure that all items are named, including ties and shoes. Please also continue to encourage and support your child to develop independence in dressing and undressing and doing up zips and buttons.

Baseline Assessment

We are pleased to be part of the Reception baseline pilot. This is a new national assessment that the government intends to be introduced to all children in reception classes, in the autumn of 2020. Your children will carry out a short, interactive, activity based assessment with their class teacher within the next few weeks.

Tapestry

As mentioned at the parent meetings and home visits, we use Tapestry to record observations, photographs and assessments of your child's learning journey in Reception. We value our relationship with you as parents and carers and would ask that you also use Tapestry to share with us any interactions outside the school day. If you would like some help or advice about this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Dates for your diary

Friday 20th September - School closed for INSET day
Wednesday 25th September - School photographs
Friday 27th September - MacMillan coffee morning 9:00am in Junior hall
Tuesday 15th October - Parents' evening 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 17th October - Parents' evening 4:00-6:30pm
Monday 21st to Friday 25th October - School closed for half term break
Monday 28th October - Children back to school

Supporting Learning at Home

I am sure you will have already shared and enjoyed your child's first school library book! These will be changed by the children each week.

To help your child to recognise and write their own name, we will be sending home a practise sheet. Thank you for your support with this.