

Reception Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020



- Firstly, we must say how impressed we all are with how well the children have settled into full-time school. They have amazed us with their resilience!
- **Thank-you** for your patience at the end of the day—as we get to know you all this will be much quicker! If we can ask you to form a queue, ensuring social distancing, this will help to provide a safer flow of traffic!
- **Messages:** Please email the office with any messages for the teachers. Any lunch requests must also be done via email. To make it easier, this can be done for the whole week rather than on a daily basis. If you wish to speak at length with the class teacher please ask for appointment to suit both yourself and the teacher.
- **This week** we have started to carry out our baseline assessments. These are simple, child-friendly activities that help us to assess the children's current level of understanding. It enables us to plan appropriate, challenging activities and ensures good progression. We have been writing our names, practising sounds and talking about colours and shapes. The children have been demonstrating their number recognition and understanding.
- **Our current topic** is 'All About Me'. This gives us a chance to really get to know your children and gives them lots of opportunities to share their ideas and thoughts about their world. We talk about all of the things that make us unique and encourage the children to recognise and celebrate their abilities and strengths. We have been using mirrors to help us to study our faces and then recreate them using a range of media; including paint, pencil drawings and transient art.
- **Snacks:** The children will be offered a free fruit snack each afternoon. Each morning, the children will be offered a drink of milk. Please make sure that the office have received all of the permission slips so that your child can have their snack with their friends. 
- The children have enjoyed their first **P.E** lesson today with Mr Bloor. We learnt how to find a safe space to exercise, do a warm up and played some fun games. Thank you to all parents and carers that sent their child into school in the correct P.E clothing. As the weather gets colder and wetter you may wish for your child to change their pumps/shorts into something more weather friendly. 
- The children thoroughly enjoyed their **Forest School** session on Tuesday afternoon. Please can we kindly ask that all of their Forest School kit is in a named carrier bag, separate from their school bag. The children will place this carrier bag straight onto their peg when they come in every Tuesday morning. 
- Please can we remind you that the children's **water bottles** must be filled with water and not juice or fizzy pop. Spillages do happen and they are much easier to clean up if the bottles have only been filled with water.
- Thank you to those of you that have ensured that all items of clothing/footwear is clearly named. This is extremely helpful as we can make sure we return any belongings found to the correct child. Please can you do this if you haven't already.

Finally, we would like to say thank-you for your support and co-operation. This has been a challenging and emotional time for many, but we want to reassure you that we are dedicated to doing our best to provide a safe, secure and happy learning environment for your children. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Higgins, Mrs Burgess, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Anthony and Miss Stanley.