



# Reception Newsletter

## Friday September 11th

It has been lovely to welcome the children in for longer time this week. They have had so many new rules and routines to adjust to and have done incredibly well. All the children have mixed really well and have been busy making new friends. The routines will soon become second nature to the children.

Next week we will begin our Marvellous Me topic by talking about families. We will use the book My Family by Todd Parr to show how families are all different but all special.

Thank you so much for doing your best to maintain social distancing at drop off and collection times. We appreciate that this is a difficult time but are very grateful to you for respecting 2 metre rules. The drop off time for Reception is 8:40-8:50 and collection is 3:00. Please do not arrive any more than 5 minutes before.

### Lunches

We are very impressed with the way the children have coped with their lunches this week. Please help your child by teaching them to cut their food and to feed themselves properly, using knife and fork for main course, and spoon for pudding. With the current guidelines in place this independence is particularly important.

We really cannot emphasize enough how important it is that the children can take their jumpers and cardigans on and off by themselves, as well as turn them the right way around. A lot of the children have really struggled this week and while the weather is warm we really do not want them to get too hot. Please remember that we are trying to maintain social distancing guidelines.

Please can we remind you that book bags can only be sent into school on Mondays and Fridays.

Please send a full set of spare clothes to school if not done already top, trouser, pants, socks jumper). They need to be in a clearly named bag. This change of clothes is not just for toileting accidents but also for if they get wet when playing in water, or spill their milk etc.

Waterproof coats should be brought in every day. We go outside in all weathers and did get caught out by a shower this week! Please make sure they are named and help your child by practice putting it on and off and know how to find the loop to hang it up.

Please send in named wellies, these are stored on the rack directly outside the classroom door.

Forest School and PE will start in a few weeks. The children will need a couple of weeks to adjust to their new routines before taking on more responsibilities.

Water bottles are available for the children to use freely in the classroom. Please only send water in them and not squash. Please send them filled EVERY DAY. Water bottles MUST be named. Water bottles must be in addition to drinks in lunch boxes.

No toys from home can be brought into school.

We are unable to use painting aprons at present due to the risk of cross-contamination. Because we do not want to stop the children having access to paint etc this may mean that the children may sometimes come home messy.