



Welcome to our first full week in Reception. ☺

Worries

Please don't think you are the only one with worries about your little one spending their first full-time week in school. It's a very tricky time for all our families, but we promise if your child hasn't settled within ten minutes we will be giving you a call to let you know. If you do not hear anything from us, please rest assured that everything is ok and your child is playing happily and learning within our setting. We know that some of our children still like a nap, but they will be so busy they might not remember! If they do need to sleep, we will be in touch. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Phonics: Letters and Sounds

We start our letters and sounds work this week. The initial input is based around "Jolly Phonics" and we will be engaging the children in all sorts of follow up activities to try to help them link the phoneme (sound) and letter name. We will make sure our letters of the week are displayed on our noticeboard. Don't forget that "homework," which helps your child to retain the information, will be given out on a Friday, and should be returned no later than Wednesday morning please. The more pictures you can help them find, beginning with the initial phoneme, the better.

Mathematics: Ten Town Fun & More!

We will be working on numbers from "Ten Town". Just so you are aware the first ten characters are "King One", "Tommie Two", "Thelma Three", "Freddie Four", "Fiona Five", "Seal Six", "Sir Seven", "Eric Eight", "Nina Ninebows" and "Zero Pond." The digit we are working on will be clearly displayed so you are able to share it with your child. Maybe you could see if you could spot any on your way home? The characters are used alongside the actual number with a story, song and rhyme.

Reading Books/Reading Records/PE Kit

Now your child is in school full time it is essential that they have their reading book & reading record in their bookbag every day please. Don't worry if you haven't had a chance to share it with them because books will be changed once or maybe twice some weeks depending on what we are up to! By you adding a smiley face or comment or both we will know whether it can be changed or not on the day. All PE kit must be in school all week. It will be sent home every Friday. PE kit must be returned on a Monday morning please. Our regular slots for PE are on Tuesday and Wednesday this term so please make sure your child's hair is tied back. If they wear earrings they do have to be covered for PE and we will put micropore tape over the plain, stud earrings if worn. If your child wears tights you may like them to wear socks on PE days but don't worry we will help where and when it's needed, whilst encouraging independent changing skills.

Autumn Sunshine

We are hoping for some sunshine this Autumn. Could you please provide your child with a clearly named sunscreen which will stay in their tray. We will put a little into your child's hand and allow them to apply it on sunny days. If you prefer, please apply before school. We are very conscious of sun safety. Every child has been provided with a sunhat and water bottle. These will both stay in school at all times. We will rinse and refresh bottles with water daily and they will be put through a dishwasher on a weekly basis.

Picking Up Time

Please let us know if someone other than yourself is collecting your child. If we have not met the person before, please give us a password that they can tell us so we will allow them to take your child. For the children going to "Sunshine", we receive a list each lunchtime and the children are escorted to the hall to be delivered to the staff who collect them.

Upcoming Events

Church Services

We will be visiting Church this week to allow your child to know where they will be sitting during future services this year. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for our Church Services, reminders of dates will be in our newsletter. Our first service will be Tuesday 27th September 9.30am.

Parents' Evenings

There are two evenings and these will give you chance to share your Children's Learning Journeys so far and ask us any questions that have arisen. This term they are on Monday 17th & Wednesday 19th October. You will be sent a form nearer to the time to indicate the best date for you.

Superhero Day

We will be hosting a Superhero Day and you are all invited. Everyone is welcome. Just let us know how many grown-ups and younger siblings (extra non-school age children) will be able to attend on the afternoon of Friday 18th November, on our cut off slip below please. Children (and adults if they would like to) will be asked to dress as a superhero on that day.

Reception Christmas Sing-A-Long

It might seem like a long way off but here's a date for your diary. On Friday 9th December at 2.20pm you are invited to come along to enjoy our Nativity and sing-a-long. Christmas is such an exciting time and we truly hope you will be able to join us on the day.

*Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.
The Reception Team are here to make your child's first year a happy
and enjoyable one, providing firm foundations for their school years
here at St. Peter & St. Paul C of E Primary School.*

Thank you for your support ☺

The Reception Team

Please return this form to school as soon as possible. Thank you. ☺

Name of child _____

I/We will be able/not be able to attend the Superhero Day afternoon from 1.45pm - 3.15pm on Friday 18th November. There will be _____ adults and _____ younger siblings attending.