



Parents in Partnership

Reception Class Newsletter

Week 1 Autumn Term 2019



We warmly welcome you to Reception and look forward to working in partnership with you and your child throughout the year. This letter is designed to inform you of class related issues and we will continue to send you important information every week as part of the Parents in Partnership task sheet which will come home on Fridays.

The 1st Parent in Partnership task for you and your child to work on together will come home with your child in their book bag next Thursday 12th (Older Group) or next Friday 13th (Younger Group).

Today's letter is provided to give you some key information regarding class routines and also, some important dates for you to note. Every week, we give you a paper copy of the Parents in Partnership Task/Class Newsletter, but these are also available on our school website and can be accessed by looking at the Reception page of the Letters Section.

Parentmail

The school communicates key information via an online facility called Parentmail. If you have not yet registered, please visit our office and the administrative staff will give you guidance on how to set this up.

We ask that you check parent mail on a regular basis, as this is how you will find out about a range of relevant information regarding our school.

Thank you.



Reading with your child

Please note that your child will have brought home their first school reading book in their book bag.

In the bag we have also enclosed some guidance notes that we ask you to keep safe at home as they give you valuable questions to ask your child before they share the book with you, while they are reading with you and also after you have shared the book together. You will note from the questions, that at this stage, we do not expect the children to be reading the words, but by working with you they will receive an enriching experience to help them build up an understanding of story structure and characters whilst also helping them form opinions and give reasons as to whether they enjoyed the book.

We ask that you share your child's book with them on a daily basis and that when you have shared the book, you comment on how your child responded and sign the reading record book. As soon as this book is commented upon and signed, we will then give your child a new book to share with you. We ask that the book bags are brought to school every day.



Thank you.

Phonics

In your child's book bag, you will also find their Phonics Book. This is a book that shows you the letter name and sound that we have been learning about at school. Each new letter is accompanied with an action (detailed in the book) and a song which we teach the children at school. We ask that you share this book with your child on a regular basis and ask them to tell you the letter name, the sound it makes and also the accompanying action. We use the 'Jolly Phonics' resources to help us teach the children and if you would like to listen to the songs that accompany each sound they can be found online at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lx4Jj69J1-I>

or if it is easier for you, you can google 'jolly phonics songs in order'.

We really hope you and your child enjoy working on these sounds and again, we ask that the phonics books are left in the book bags every day so that we can stick in new sounds on a regular basis.



The Reception Team

Mrs Evans - Class teacher
Mrs Harrop
Mrs Gardner
Miss Smith (Friday mornings)

PE

Thank you to those of you that have provided your child with a named PE kit. Our PE lessons this term will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday. We will use our full PE kits on a Wednesday and just take shoes and socks off on a Thursday. This half term we are lucky enough to be learning tennis skills with Julien Lawes.



If you have any questions regarding any matters on this letter or in general, please do speak to us either in the morning or at the end of the school day