

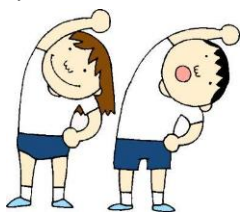
September 2020

Dear Reception Class Children and Parents,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to St. Augustine's School.

Thank you so much for the support you have given your child during their 1<sup>st</sup> week at school. We are delighted with the way the children are settling into life in Reception.

The following information is included to further support your child and to inform you in more detail of class routines and procedures.



### PE Kits

We dress for PE once a week and ask that the children bring their kits to school on a Monday. The PE kits can then go home every Friday to be washed.

### Communication

It is essential that we fully informed of the collection procedures for your child at the end of the day.

If you are not collecting your child yourself, **please ensure that are informed who will be collecting your child when you drop off your child in the morning.**

If collection procedures change during the school day, please ring the school office on 01305 782600.

### Tapestry

Thank you to all of you for engaging with Tapestry. It has been lovely sharing details of your child's first few days at school. I will continue to use Tapestry throughout the year and will sometimes send out notifications using this platform so please check tapestry on a regular basis.



### Parents in Partnership Homework Letter

Every Friday, from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September onwards, you will have access to a 'PIP' (Parents in Partnership) letter. This will be uploaded onto the school website on a Friday and so we ask that you check the Reception Area of the school website every Friday in order to access this.

As well as communicating homework tasks linked to our learning in Reception, this weekly 'PIP' letter will inform you of any specific class

news so please do read it.

### Reading Books

From next week, (week of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September), Monday for the younger group, Tuesday for the older group, we will be sending home reading books for your child. We will include an ideas sheet for you to help you engage with your child when sharing their book. Each week, in the PIP letter, we will also inform you of specific phonics and words we have focused on in class, that you may like to look at with your child when sharing their book.



Your child will bring home 2 reading books from our school scheme together with one book that they have chosen from the class library. They will be required to bring their bookbag to school on a daily basis in order for us to communicate about your child's reading at school. Please use this book as a means of **communicating your child's response to their books. Do not use it as a form of communication for anything else** as we may not check it every single day. In order to communicate information, please speak to us directly as indicated earlier.

From Monday 21st September, your child will have a set day that their books will be changed. I will send you a Tapestry message directly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September to indicate to you which day of the week we will change your child's books. This pattern of book changing will stay in place for the remainder of the Reception year.

### Phonics Book

Your child's book bag will contain a reading record book, 2 school reading scheme books, a school library book and a yellow phonics book.



The yellow phonics book will contain the specific letter sounds that we have worked on in our daily phonic lessons. We use 'Storytime Phonics' at school and every letter we teach the children is taught with the use of a story book that we read to the children, an action and an accompanying caption that we share with the class. Please use the phonics book (which will contain the letters we have so far taught,) with your child on a regular basis to strengthen their phonic knowledge. This book will be added to on a weekly basis to incorporate the sounds that we have taught that week.

## **Parents' Powerpoint Presentation**

In the Autumn term we usually invite parents into classes to have a Meet the Teacher meeting where class routines are shared directly. This year we will instead be placing a Powerpoint presentation for each class on the school website. Our Powerpoint presentation will feature on the Reception page of the school website and will be an updated version of the new parents Powerpoint that I shared with you last term. This will provide you all with further information regarding your child's reception year. If you read the presentation and require further clarification on any points, please contact me directly or using Tapestry.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. I look forward to working with you and your child during the coming year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Evans

