




Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope your child has had a lovely week enjoying both the lunch times and the good weather! This week we have had even more exciting experiences. We have:

- Had lunch at school
 - For hot dinners children sat at the lunch table independently and waited for their adult to arrive. They have been using knives and forks and talking with children across the school. Lots of children have tried new foods and some have said they liked it!
 - For packed lunches children have been opening their lunch boxes independently, putting straws into drinks and talking with children from other year groups
- Been onto the big playground at lunch time
 - Older children have been helping your child to know what to do at lunch time and where to go. They have been playing in the fort, exploring the mud kitchen and using the equipment safely.

Next week the children will be in school full time. The classroom pod opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:50am. After 8:50am you need to take your child to the office to be signed in. Children finish the school day at 15:15pm. This will be the routine.

Please see below for some more information about Reception class:

<p><u>Drop in session</u></p> <p>Drop in sessions are every Monday from 8:40. We invite you into class to learn with your child and see what they have been doing.</p>	<p><u>Ted at weekends</u></p> <p>Ted, our class bear is very excited to come home with children at the weekend. He comes with his own suitcase containing his dressing gown and tooth brush. Just what every bear needs!</p> 	<p><u>Morning routines</u></p> <p>Your children have been fantastic coming into school in the morning! They have settled so well into classroom routines. Just a little reminder of morning routines: Book bags to go in book bag boxes (one for girls, one for boys), stones to go into hot lunch or packed lunch, water bottles to go in yellow trays and children can help themselves to toast and immerse themselves in their play.</p>
<p><u>Toys at school</u></p> <p>Although we appreciate that toys can be comforting to children at school, we also understand the upset that is caused when they are lost. Please leave toys at home where they can be kept safe. We have lots of toys for the children here!</p> 	<p><u>Special helper</u></p> <p>At the end of each day a new special helper is chosen for the following day. We invite special helpers to bring something special into school that can fit inside their chatterbox as a talking point. We also invite special helpers to bring in a story from home that we can share during our fruity story time. They have very important jobs counting the fruit and completing the daily fire register!</p>	<p><u>Chatterboxes</u></p> <p>Over the weekend please can you choose an object or a picture that your child can bring into school for Tuesday to "tweet their weekend news". On Tuesday's we will be having Chatterbox time to talk about what is inside our special box. If you are yet to bring your chatterbox into school then please do so.</p> 
<p><u>Phonics home-school books</u></p> <p>Next week we will be starting our Phonics carpet inputs. We are beginning with Phase 2 sounds. We are going to be sending home Phonics books for you to practise the phonemes (sounds the letters make) with your child. Please use these books at home and ensure they are in book bags on a Friday so the next set of sounds can be stuck in.</p>	<p><u>Reading books and Reading Records</u></p> <p>Your child will have received a class reading book. We will be visiting the library next week to choose another book to bring home. Please read these stories with your child and write comments in your Reading Record. If your child spots phonemes (sounds) in words then please write this! We love to know what wonderful reading you are doing at home.</p>	<p><u>End of day pick up</u></p> <p>I would like to say that the children have done a fantastic job at lining up at the end of the day. They know that once they are outside they must stay with myself until they can see their grown up. Well done Reception!</p> <p>Please note that we will put the "jumper dumper", water bottle tray and lost box outside as we understand that sometimes our little hands may become too full. Do come and speak to us if you think your child has forgotten something.</p>

Please do come and speak with us if you have any questions. We are really looking forward to having your child in class full time next week. Remember your child's welfare is our concern too!

Kind regards,

The Reception Team