

Reception Newsletter: Autumn 2010

Dear Parents/ Carers:

Welcome to Reception! The children are all settling in well and joining in the daily routine. Thankyou for your support during the children's first few weeks. Here is some information about our Autumn term:

Starting School

This half term we will be focusing on 'Ourselves'. As part of this topic we will be introducing the school routine, exploring the school building, getting to know adults within the school environment and making new friends. In addition we will be looking at growing, our families, the body, things we can do and our senses. As part of our work we would like the children to **bring in a photo** of them as a baby and a family photo, to use in discussion and classroom display. As these photos will be used for display purposes we will be unable to send them home.

Class Charter and the Handy Hints

We will be using the 'Handy Hints' as a way of encouraging appropriate behaviour in class and around school. Your child is asked to take the responsibility to look, listen, think, share and always try their best. Children are awarded house point stickers for following the Class Charter ... Look out for the certificates in their book bags as the term progresses.

We have PE on a **Wednesday** PE kits can remain at school until the holidays.



Plain White T-shirt

Plain blue Shorts

Black plimsols

All PE kit must be returned to school by Monday morning.

15th September: Meet the Staff Meeting 2.45pm
23rd September: Parents workshop Read Write Inc.
30th September: Open House for Parents/Carers
22nd October: Half term holiday

Show and Tell

Friday is 'Show and Tell' day. We will have a weekly rota according to the children's house point groups. Show and Tell will begin on Friday 17th September.
Friday 17th September - Kensington
Friday 24th September - Paddington
Friday 1st October - Piccadilly
Friday 8th October - Waterloo

Class Mascots

Class Mascots will go home on a Friday afternoon and come back to school on a Monday morning.

Books

Book Sharing Texts will be changed every **Thursday**. This book will be chosen by your child. It is to be shared at home with an adult. *Please note we do not expect that your child will be able to read this book independently.*

Reading books of an appropriate level will be sent home on a **Monday** and should be returned on a **Friday**. An adult will listen to your child read at least once a week.

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Information/ timings

Daily times: The reception gate opens at 8.45am to allow the children an opportunity to play before the school day begins. **Please ensure your child arrives by 9am to enable us to start our day promptly.**

School uniform: Red polo shirt, Navy blue sweatshirt (available with school logo), Grey, black or Navy trousers or skirts, Black shoes (velcro wherever possible)

Labelling: As we have 60 children within the Reception environment it is very important that you label your child's clothing. **We cannot return items if they are not named.**

Book bags: All children should have a school book bag to bring home their pictures, work, reading and school library books. These are available from the school office. Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school each day.

Message board: Upon entry to the Reception playground you will be greeted by one member of the Reception Team. Any messages should be relayed to this person and they will then be shared with your child's class teacher. Please help us and support your child's learning by ensuring they bring the correct equipment to school each day.

And finally:

Please remember that if you have any questions we are available and if necessary you can arrange a convenient time to talk to us in private.

The Reception Staff

