



FS2 (CLASS LK) AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

School Opening Hours

School opens at 8.45am and children need to be in school by 8.55am at the latest each morning. You are invited to play alongside your child until 8.55am when the gates will be locked. Lunch time is from 12 noon until 1.00pm, with school finishing at 3.15 pm. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, you should ring the School Office on 825091 to let us know. Please let us know if there are any changes to whom will be collecting your child.



A big welcome to our Reception children!

We hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and that your child feels ready to come to school to learn lots of new skills.

During the first half term our topic will be 'Night and Day'. We will read stories about night-time such as 'Peace at Last' and 'Owl Babies'. We will learn about animals that come out at night, as well as investigating sunlight and torches. The children will also be continuing their learning independently through play activities which will reflect their interests and learning needs, and we may adapt topics to cater for children's individual interests. If you would like to support your child further at home, there are a range of activities on the reverse which support the work we will be doing in class.

School Uniform All the children have started school looking really smart in their new uniforms. To avoid any confusion or upset we ask that you put your child's name on all of their school uniform. This will help your child to look after their uniform, especially on PE days.

Lunch time Your child can bring a packed lunch to school or stay school dinners (which are currently free for Reception and KS1). Alternatively your child can choose to go home for lunch. In which case your child can be picked up via the main school office and should be returned promptly at 12.55pm.

Breakfast club is available for Reception pupils from Monday 12th September. It begins at 7.45am daily and is free of charge. In order to receive a breakfast your child must arrive before 8.30am.

Outdoor equipment

Please can you ensure that your child does not play on the playground toys or climbing equipment when entering or leaving school. This will ensure your child's safety is not put at risk. Thank you.

PE Our class PE lesson will be on a Friday. Your child must wear a plain white t-shirt and plain red shorts. Again, please write your child's name on their PE clothes. To support your child to get changed for PE, please let your child practise getting dressed and undressed at home without any support.

Homework Your child will be issued with a reading book which will then be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. **We ask that your child reads at least 3 times a week to an adult and on each occasion the reading log must be signed.**

Once your child is ready to start work on the phase 2 sounds as part of the phonics programme, we will also send out a tin of words to practise blending. In addition we will send home some challenges during the year. Please support your child with homework as this will help with his/her progress in school.

?? **Questions/ concerns** ?? Please see your child's teacher or key person if you need any help or advice. Your child's teacher is: **Mrs Knight**. Your child's key person is:

Stay and play sessions We will be organising some sessions when you can come and join in with our activities. Look out on the notice board and in book bags for upcoming dates. The days will vary to accommodate as many parents/carers as possible.

Date for your diary: Macmillan coffee morning and Phonics for parents: **September 30th** from 9am.

Voluntary contributions If possible we would be very grateful if you could contribute 50p a week towards the cost of replenishing resources for activities we provide, such as : play dough, baking, craft activities, etc. We have a money box where donations can be placed if you would like to help. Thank you.