



Welcome to Reception!



Welcome to Reception! What a great start we have had to our year. The children have settled in brilliantly and are really getting used to their new routines. We are very impressed.



This letter should provide you with all of the information you should need at the beginning of the year.



Classroom doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am so that lessons can begin. Once doors have been closed, children will need to enter school via the main reception. At this time of year, please bear with us whilst we are getting to you.

Here is a reminder of what a day in Reception will look like:

- 8.40: Enter and register
- 8.55: Worship (when ready)
- 9.15: Phonics groups
- 9.35: Teacher input for reading, writing or maths
- 9.50: Adult led groups for reading, writing or maths and continuous provision activities
- 10.40: Snack and social time—communication and language focus.
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- 11.50: Lunch
- 12.40: Register and handwriting/fine motor
- 1.00: Topic session/PE (this could have a PSHE, RE, expressive arts or understanding the world focus)
- 2.25: Tidy up time
- 2.35: Whole Class Reading/shared reading
- 2.50: Prayers and organisation ready for home
- 3.00: Home time

PE

Reception have PE on **Tuesdays** so please ensure that your child comes into school in full PE kit on this day. Children are unable to wear any earrings for PE so please could you ensure that they are taken out on this day. Staff will need written permission to take these out.

Home/school correspondence

If you haven't already, please check your emails (also your junk file) for a link to connect you to Class Dojo so you can keep up to date with messages straight from your teacher, as well as seeing the dojos that your child has received.

If you are not linked up to Evidence Me already and you have handed your email address in, you will receive an email in the next week to connect to that too, so please keep an eye out for that. If we don't have your email, please hand this in to your child's class teacher either at the door or written in your child's planner. Observations will begin once baselines have been completed.

Baselines

The first three weeks of Reception is all about getting to know each other and understanding classroom systems. Staff will also be carrying out activities with your child to get a 'baseline' of where your child is. You will be able to find more information about the national baseline check for all Reception children in England on the Reception page of our school website.

Please bear with us with regards to reading at home. Once phonics baselines have been completed and your child has been assigned a phonics group, we will then be able to hand out books to read at home.

Uniform

Please can you ensure that children's names are in ALL school uniform and coats. We have already had some lost property!

Consent

Please can we also remind you to sign and bring in the photograph consent form and read and sign the Email and Internet Safety policy. You will find this at the front of your child's planner. Once these have been collected, we can then begin sharing photographs via Facebook.

Homework

Red homework books will be given out during the first week of each half term. They will be collected in during the final week of each half term so that we can celebrate the efforts that the children have gone to. Children are asked to choose AT LEAST three things from the menu to complete.

Reading

All children have new reading diaries, which also have lots of helpful information in the back on maths facts, spellings and sounds we will be covering this year. Children will need to read at least three times per week. Each time your child reads and has their record signed they will receive dojos. Reading and enjoying books at home will have a huge impact on your child's learning and development at school. We do not expect your child to read the whole book in one sitting, a few pages each time is fine.

Clubs

This half term we have a variety of clubs on offer for Reception children, which will be carried out by Reception members of staff. Clubs start straight after school and will finish at 4pm. A separate letter will follow once clubs have been confirmed, which will tell you where to collect your child from. If you wish for your child to attend a club, please speak to a member of staff or write a quick note in your child's reading diary.

Water bottles

To enable your child to access a drink in school, they will need their own water bottle with their name on it. Please make sure this is in school EVERY DAY. They need to be taken home at weekends to be cleaned and returned to school on Mondays.

Injury on arrival forms

If your child has suffered an injury at home, you will find our 'injury on arrival forms' outside each Reception classroom. Please can we ask that you fill one of these in and pass it to the class teacher so that we are aware of where the incident has occurred.

Key dates

Below are some key dates for this term.

Phonics meeting— 17th September at 2.30pm

Parent's meetings— 14th October—2pm-6.30pm.

Glitter disco—4th November—5-6pm.

Shine morning— 17th November—9.15am-10am.

EYFS nativity— 13th and 14th December—am and pm performance.

Contact

Beginning and end of day can be quite busy. If you need to speak to any member of staff, please send a dojo message or email to office@stgg.org.uk requesting a phone call and we will call you on the same day at a convenient time.

We are really looking forward to working together with you and your children. Here's to a great year!

Yours Sincerely

EYFS Team