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## RECEPTION CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome! We hope you all had a lovely summer. We are looking forward to getting to know you all, as well as to working with you during the year ahead. This newsletter will hopefully be useful regarding the routines in Reception class this year.

Mrs Bridgestock will be the full-time class teacher. Mrs Stockford will be our nursery nurse, sharing the week with Mrs Barry. Mrs Kerby will also join our team every morning to support the children's learning. Mrs Megarity will be our 1 to 1 support assistant and will be with us throughout the week. Mrs Stockford will teach the class on a Wednesday morning.

### The School Day

Children can arrive and start self-registering from 8.35am in the classroom via the main school entrance. Everyone must be there by 8.50am when parents are encouraged to leave so the children can settle on the carpet ready to start the day. At the end of the day (3.10pm) you will be able to pick-up your child by the exterior classroom door, overlooking the field. Please ensure you are visible from our doorway, as we will call your child once we have seen you. If your child is being collected by someone else please inform a member of staff and write it into our "Day Book" in the morning. We suggest that you inform your child, if possible, of who will be picking them up if there is a change of routine - this will help prevent anxiety on their part!

### P.E

P.E kit should be long jogging bottoms, shorts, t-shirt and trainers for outdoor P.E. We do indoor P.E in bare feet. If your child has a medical reason why they should wear trainers indoors, please let us know before the lesson. Long trousers/sweatshirts may be worn for outdoor P.E in cold weather. No jewellery should be worn in school at all and watches must be removed for P.E. Please try to bring a small bag for P.E kit as the pegs are closely spaced together. It should be taken home at the end of each week. Please ensure the entire P.E kit is clearly labelled with your child's name and remains in school all week. P.E will take place every Monday afternoon but the P.E kit should remain at school throughout the week as we may occasionally need it at different times.

### Book Bags

The book bags are a very useful and efficient way of communicating between home and school, we therefore strongly encourage you to check them daily for letters/slips. Books

should remain in your child's book bag, in their individual trays, throughout the day. Book bags should fit into trays and anything larger should be hung on pegs outside the classroom.

The children's reading books will be changed by a member of staff, who will read with them every Tuesday, so please ensure that their school reading record and reading books are in your child's book bag on that day.

### **Toileting**

If your child is anxious using the toilet, or is still prone to accidents, please inform a member of staff so we can monitor them and accompany them if necessary.

We suggest keeping an extra set of spare clothes so we can change your child into their own clothes.

### **Snacks/drinks**

There will be water and milk available accessible to the children throughout the day. Children can also bring a water bottle at school for the classroom. There is a shelf in the classroom for these. Please label the bottles to avoid confusion. These must contain still water only, no juice or fizzy drinks please, in our effort to promote healthy eating habits.

We will have free fruit/veg available throughout the day every day as part of the '5 a day' scheme, so there is no need for another snack.

### **Lunch**

The term's menu is available from the office. The children get a daily choice between a meat and a vegetarian option, which they tell us in the morning during registration.

If you know that your child will not eat what is offered on a particular day, you are welcome to bring in a packed lunch from home, which will stay on a designated shelf in the classroom. The Reception staff will be helping the children in the hall and we will therefore let you know whether your child has been eating. Although we encourage the children to have a hot lunch, your child may have a packed lunch box if they struggle with school dinners.

Thank you for reading this letter. We are aware that this time of year is very busy and can sometimes be challenging for our little ones as they take up a new routine and rhythm. We hope that this information will be useful in making you feel prepared for this exciting year ahead!

Please feel free to ask any member of staff if you have any questions.

We wish you a brilliant term, full of curiosity and wonder!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bridgestock, Mrs Barry, Mrs Stockford, Mrs Kerby, and Mrs Megarity.