

## A few helpful hints for when your child starts school in September...



Please could you ensure that your child has a named PE kit (shorts and house t-shirt and PE shoes) which should be kept in school on their peg, ideally in a named drawstring PE bag. It will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. It would also help us immensely if you could name **all** of your child's school uniform (including their shoes!). This ensures that any discarded jumpers, shoes or anything else can be quickly returned to their rightful owner.

We will send you a **"Teaching and Learning in Reception"** pack early on in September. This aims to give you more information about the 'Letters and Sounds' program which we use to teach children reading and writing skills and also the expectations, teaching and learning of Maths. We hope it will give you practical ideas to enable you to work with your child at home in order to support their learning.



As part of our school's Safeguarding policy, we will only dismiss children to a **known adult**. Please assist us by **coming forward** to meet your child at the end of the school day. If they are being collected by a child-minder, grandparent etc, then please can you inform us of the arrangements in writing. If any arrangements for collection change during the school day, then please can you contact the School office who will in turn inform us, thank you.



### We would appreciate:

- If you could put **one** small key ring on the outside of your child's book bag to help them to identify it independently. As you can probably imagine, 30 new school book bags tend to look completely identical! So this will be a huge help to your child in supporting them to find which book bag is theirs.



### Things to remember:

- On their first day, your child will be given a blue "Home/School Communication Book" which should be sent into school every day in their book bag. This is to be used for messages about your child. It is **not** necessary to write in it every day!
- We do operate an open door policy and welcome communication with parents/carers. We are available at the end of most days. If necessary, an appointment can be made at a mutually convenient time for longer or more private discussions.
- Our **Library** sessions are on **Thursdays**. Your child will be able to choose a Library book to bring home and share with you for a week, before returning it the following Thursday.
- We send out our **homework** in book bags on **Fridays**, along with our weekly "Reception News" to keep you informed of what your child has been learning that week in school. Please can you assist us by supporting your child to complete any homework tasks set and returning them by the following Wednesday. Our homework tasks should only take up to 10 minutes each week, but they are an important part of your child's time in Reception as they reinforce the learning that has been taking place in school during that week.
- We send home our **"Home Stories"** on a Friday too. These are a vital part of your child's "EYFS Profile", which we have to complete for them at the end of their time in Reception. The "Home Stories" will ask you a different thing about your child each week and they are your chance to tell us all about your special and unique child. We absolutely love reading them!



We are very much looking forward to teaching your child during their time in Reception Class. We hope you have a wonderful Summer and we will see you in September.

Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester

