

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted with the way the children have settled into Reception so smoothly. They are quickly learning to be independent by hanging their coats up and putting their reading folders away in their drawers as they enter the classroom.

Here are some reminders for you.

**'All About Me' topic.**

This term we are learning all about ourselves, please see overleaf for the curriculum.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 9th October** photographer in school.

**Tuesday 16th October**—Reception Play and Stay, you are invited to stay when you drop your child off till 9.30am to see what we get up to in Reception.

**Friday 26th October**—Break up for half term.

**Reading Folders**

Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school everyday. This week they will bring home their first book to share with adults. When the book has been shared please write a comment in the diary. Please can I ask that the books are looked after, should it get damaged or lost we will ask for a contribution of £3.00 to replace it. **Please do not put water bottles in the reading folder in case they leak.**

**Coats**

Each child will need a coat in school everyday as we do indoor and outdoor lessons everyday and have time outside in the morning and at lunchtime.

**Jewellery**

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery at school. If they have their ears pierced they are only allowed to wear studs and these must be removed on PE days (Wednesday).

**PE**

Our PE day is Wednesday, children need to have their ear-rings removed before they come to school. PE kits will be kept in school and sent home at half term for a wash. If you have not already done so please send a kit into school (white T shirt, black shorts and velcro pumps) in a school PE bag. Please encourage your child to become independent dressing and undressing at home in readiness for when we do a full clothes change in the coming weeks.

**Water Bottles:**

Please send your child to school with a water bottle each day so they can drink throughout the day. Water helps the children concentrate and keeps us healthy.

**Attendance**

We believe that good attendance at school should start in the Early Years Classes so to encourage this we will be celebrating weekly 100% attendance every Friday. Children who have attended all week will receive a certificate.

I am always available at the end of the day should you wish to speak to me, remember no question is a silly question. I look forward to this being a very successful year for you and your child.

Yours sincerely

Miss Birch  
Reception Teacher/Early Years Leader