

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted with the way the children have settled into Reception so smoothly, they are enjoying a range of activities and learning to play and share with their peers. They are quickly learning to be independent by hanging their coats up and self registering by finding their name as they enter the classroom.

This term our topic is '**Me and my community**' we are learning all about ourselves, our community and community helpers, please see overleaf for the full curriculum and ways in which you can support your child's learning.

### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 6th October**— photographer in school.

**Friday 22nd October**—Break up for half term.

### Reading Diaries

Please ensure your child brings their reading diary and book to school daily. This week they will bring home their first book to share with adults, these books have no words and are intended to encourage your child to talk about what is happening on each page. When the book has been shared please write a comment in the diary. You will also see that the diary has a tracker at the back of it. It is school policy that children read or are read to at least 3 times weekly. 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.

### 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 (Thursday).

### PE

Our PE day is Thursday, children need to have their ear-rings removed before they come to school. Children will need to come into school wearing their P.E kits. Here is the list of kit they should wear:

#### Indoor PE kit is as follows:

- School logo white crew neck or polo t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps

#### Outdoor PE kit is as follows:

- School logo white crew neck or polo t-shirt
- Plain Grey or Black tracksuit (no logs, names, or coloured bands)
- Plain Black Pumps

### Water Bottles:

Your child needs to bring a water bottle to school so they can drink throughout the day. Water helps the children concentrate and keeps us healthy. Please make sure your child's name is on it.

### 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 attend all week will receive rewards as part of our attendance policy.

I will be around at the end of the day if you need to speak to me please call the office and speak to Miss Payne with regards to arranging a meeting. Alternatively you can message me via Class Dojo and I will get back to you. Please remember no question is a silly question and we are here to support you and your child. I look forward to this being a very successful year for your child with good home school partnership supporting their learning.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Whitelaw  
Reception Teacher