



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

4th September 2019

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : RECEPTION AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Reception and to what I hope will be a very productive and rewarding year for both your child and me.

Our topic for this half term is Nursery Rhymes where we will focus on a different nursery rhyme each week.

Myself and Mrs. Williams will aim to hear the children read individually at least twice a week, when reading books will be changed. The children will also have key rings which will contain phonics cards (initial sounds and phonics words) and number cards. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible (ideally 5 to 10 minutes each day), focussing on the building up of their key ring knowledge, and write in their reading diary even if it is only a quick initial to indicate that you have read with your child, or to make a comment about your child's reading. It is the School's policy for all children to read at least 5 times a week. It is important to remember that young children often believe that 'reading' only consists of reading and discussing books that you have at home, or obtain from the library, together with reading labels and signs and other print that children see around them. On Wednesdays your child will visit the school library where they will be able to take one of the books home for the week and return the book the following week. It is your child's choice of book and will usually be a book that can be shared with you at home maybe at bedtime. A love of books and reading is one of the most precious, important gifts anyone can give a child. Your child will reap the benefits for the rest of their lives. Reading encourages imagination, builds understanding, opens up new worlds and helps children reach their full potential. Please make sure that your child's key ring, reading book and letter folder are in your child's bag every day.

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Phonics is a major part of Reception, it will be taught every day in a Read, Write Inc session. This will initial build on putting words together, looking at letter formation and looking at the sounds of the different letters.

In Numeracy the children will be counting reliably up to 20 and be able to place them in order, they will be able to say the number that is one more or one less from any given number. The children will be using objects to be able to add and subtract two single digit numbers. The children will be able to name and describe 2d and 3d shapes and be able to make a repeating pattern using them.

Our P.E. day is a Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit **permanently** in school consisting of white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps, all, of course, **clearly marked with your child's name**. Any earrings should be removed on these days and long hair tied securely back.

Homework will be sent home every Thursday where your children may come home with either a maths activity or art activity. The literacy part of the homework is key rings and your reading book. Homework folders need to be sent back into school on Monday.

Discipline will follow the Good to be Green reward system. Team points will be awarded by hard work and good behaviour, together with stickers and other rewards as appropriate, and we will continue the Star of the Week. Whoever is Star of the Week gets to take Twinkle (a teddy) home for the week where you can write and take photographs of the adventures they have been on together. Twinkle needs to be bought back the following Thursday ready for the next Star of the Week.

You will receive some leaves that I would like you to write on about anything that has made you proud of your child. This may be that they have cleaned the dishes; they have done some fantastic reading at home etc. I would like to celebrate your child's achievements at home as well as in school.

Just a quick reminder that your child can buy toast for 30p a day. Please send this in a named envelope so we can make sure that your child gets the toast. On a Friday it is muffin day. If you would like your child to have a muffin please send in 50p in a named envelope. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Finally, may I just say that I am really looking forward to working with your child this year and to watch them grow and develop further as a learner. Should you have any queries or concerns concerning your child, **please do not hesitate to call into the classroom at the end of the day.**

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Alternatively, please contact Mrs. Rosson in the School Office and she will make the necessary arrangements for me to phone you back or make an appointment for you to meet with me.

Looking forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Aimee Rosson
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