



Reception Newsletter

“Let Your Light Shine.”

Matthew 5:16

Dear Family and Friends

It has been lovely to welcome the children into school. They have settled well into our class routines and have had lots of fun making new friends. The children have loved starting to share their All About Me books and talking about their family and interests. If you haven't yet completed this book, please send it into school once it is finished as this is a fantastic way to get to know your child.

To help the children to continue to develop their independence, please encourage them to come into school by themselves each morning. If anyone other than yourself is picking up your child at the end of the day, please be sure to let staff know in the morning otherwise we will need to make contact with yourself before we allow your child to leave the premises with another person.

Key Worker – Your child's key worker is the class teacher (Blossom – Mrs Davies and Mrs Rypel, Ash – Miss Jones and Mrs Rypel). If you have any queries or concerns please see your child's class teacher, they are your first point of contact.

Uniform - Please ensure all your child's school uniform is clearly labelled. Children will use our outdoor area on a daily basis. If you prefer for your child to have their own wellies and a waterproof jacket, please send them into school clearly named. Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Friday (Forest School). Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit. Our P.E. kit comprises of a white t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms or leggings, trainers and a school jumper or cardigan (P.E. lessons will take place indoors and outdoors).

**Please note: Pumps are not permitted, they do not support the ankle **

Topics - This term we will be looking at The Colour Monster, The Colour Monster goes to School, All are Welcome Here, Traditional Tales with an emphasis on retelling stories using story telling actions and Autumn. In Phonics we are starting to learn our Phase 2 sounds. Phonic packs will be sent out shortly as part of the homework in EYFS. In Maths we are looking at sorting objects and making patterns using a range of different objects. We will be moving on to number recognition and counting very soon. Our R.E. units for this term are I am Special, Harvest and Christmas. We will also be celebrating Diwali and Bonfire Night.

Water Bottles – Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day and it is filled with water.

Reading – Your child has been given a reading book to share with you at home. It will be changed once they have read a minimum of three times, your child needs to be confident when reading and be able to talk about the book. It is our expectation that you read at home with your child every day little and often.

All children will be allocated books on Active Learn. Your child's password can be found in the front of their Reading Record. The importance and emphasis in EYFS is reading daily, and this will be monitored by adults in the classroom. Please ensure your child brings their reading record and book every day.

At the front of your child's Reading Record there is an Elmer the Elephant tricky word sheet. This sheet is to be used over the year and will support your child's fluency and confidence when reading. Once your child can read the word please colour over it.

Soon your child will bring home 'Read with Me' bags. These are intended to support the children reading for pleasure. The bags will be sent home weekly on a Friday, please return them by the following Wednesday so they can be re-allocated to the next child.

Online Resources – In the front of your child's reading record you will find login details for the following online resources: Active Learn and Doodle.

We hope that the children enjoy their time in Reception. However, if you have any concerns or worries, please don't hesitate to speak to us or contact us via Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support.

Blossom and Ash Class

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| <p><u>Checklist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All school uniform to be clearly labelled.• Named wellies and waterproofs.• A school bag and water bottle which are clearly named.• All About Me book. | <p><u>Important Dates coming up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16th September Reception Class pictures• 8th October Reading Breakfast• 12th November Number Fun Morning• 13th November FLU immunisations• 18th December Reception Sing-Along• 20th December Christmas party day |
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Reception Big Questions

Autumn 1 – What makes me special?

Autumn 2 – What changes can you see?

