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Spring term – Reception

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Reception and we hope that you have had a great start to 2026.

We would like to thank you for the many Christmas cards and gifts you gave to us. They were all very much appreciated.

Here are a few details of the term, which you may find helpful:

Much of the literacy learning will be based on the book *The Naughty Bus*. Please do not read the story to the children just yet, as we are hoping to maintain the suspense. We will also be starting Phase 3 Phonics.

We will be slightly adjusting the morning drop-off routine, to bring Reception into line with the rest of the school. When the first bell rings at 8.45, the children will join Reception the line and parents should start to leave. When the second bell rings, the children will stop talking and be taken into the classroom as usual.

Outdoor Classroom/Forest School

Please ensure that your child has adequate outdoor clothing at school so that they can participate. A warm, waterproof jacket is essential everyday, but either wellies or outdoor walking shoes should be worn to forest school sessions. Warm socks make the activity much more enjoyable, so please send these in too! Our Forest School sessions take place on Fridays - March 6th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th.

Spare Clothes

We sent the bags of spare clothes home before the holidays so that you could check all clothes still fit and the bag contains at least one change of underwear, socks, a top and trousers/leggings. Please do return the bags to school in a named bag, which will be stored in the cloakroom on their own peg.

Nut Allergy/Kiwi Allergy

We would like to thank you all for your consideration and support in making our school a nut and kiwi free zone.

Physical Education

P.E. sessions will be on Tuesday each week. Active wear should be worn every day.

Jewellery

The children should not wear any jewellery to school including earrings but they may wear watches. Please note that watches must be removed for P.E.

Key words and Reading

The key words/home folder have been sent home and new words will be added as they are covered in school. Please help your child to practise reading these words on a daily basis.

The aim is for your child to be able to recognise these words at a glance, eventually.

We would like to emphasise yet again the importance of reading daily. New books are issued each week on a Friday, reflecting the phonics covered in class. Re-reading the same book on multiple occasions very much helps to build the fluency, confidence and enjoyment of reading.

We will continue to send home library books to share this term. These are books that your child will choose independently and will be too difficult for your child to read independently. These books are for sharing with you and to help foster the importance of reading for pleasure. New books will be dispensed if the previous book is returned, so do ensure they are placed in book bags at the beginning of each week. Library books are changed each Monday

Junk Modelling

The children are great designers when it comes to junk modelling and need a constant supply of building materials. If you have any empty boxes / containers, (cereal boxes, egg boxes etc.) please send them into school for use. Please ensure anything you send in is clean and safe (no empty medicine packs please). In addition, it would be better if you could bring in a few things at a time, as we do not have space to store bulky items.

Staff

We are happy to welcome Mrs Dean into our class this term as a trainee teacher and Miss Blake will be back with us after half term. For the first half of this term, Sonali Bole and Molly Carrington will be supporting in Reception.

Diary Dates

There will be an open afternoon for all parents/carers on Monday 2nd March from 3.15 pm-4pm. Parent consultations will take place on:

- Monday 9th March (3.30–6.00pm)
- Tuesday 10th March (1.30–5.00pm)

You will be given instructions on how to book your appointments on eSchools closer to the date. For parents/ carers of children on the SEN register or with an APDR, I will arrange a separate meeting, so please do not book an additional appointment during consultation week.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kindest Regards,
Katie Wakelen
(Class Teacher)

Sarah Blake
(Nursery Nurse)