



Dear Parents

We hope you have all enjoyed your summer holidays and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Reception class. Thank you so much for your patience and support through the transition of the children into school it has provided a valuable opportunity for us to develop relationships and build confidence in the children. We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the children's holiday books with them and hearing all about their adventures! This half term we will be exploring the themes of Harvest, Autumn, Ourselves and Our families, birthdays and festivals. Next week as part of the theme on families we would like the children could bring in a picture of their family to talk to us about.

As always, every day we will be working on our number and counting skills and letters and sounds. We will be offering a welcome to Reception coffee morning shortly, letter to follow, about what we will be learning and how you can support your child. We will also be offering 'Open sessions' where you can make an appointment to spend some time in class with your child and have an informal discussion about their progress with the class teacher. (Dates to follow) PE will be every Tuesday afternoon so please make sure ear rings are removed, PE kit should remain in school at all times as we will use it on other days occasionally. We will send it home to be washed every half term. Can we remind you to name ALL clothing as it can be easily mixed up! Forest schools will be every Friday, please see attached letter for more details.

Reading books are sent home every night and there is an expectation within our school that you will spend some time each evening sharing and discussing the stories with your child. Please comment in the reading diary so we know this has been done. We will change reading books (2 per week) each week. Please can make sure your child brings their reading books and diaries in every day as they may be used in class activities. If anyone (Parents or grandparents) can spare a morning or an afternoon on a regular basis to hear children read we would very much appreciate it. We also run a 'mystery reader' program. Once a week we ask someone other than the Reception class staff to read a story to the children at the end of the day. This person may be another member of teaching staff, the Head teacher, a lunchtime supervisor, a parent or a grandparent. None of the children know who it will be until they walk into class! If you are interested in being a mystery reader please come and see a member of the Reception class team to book a date but remember not to tell your child!

Can all children also bring in a named water bottle every day, only containing water no squash or juice, thank you.

We are sure that all the children will settle in well, but if you have any questions or worries no matter how small please come and speak to us as soon as possible so we can help.

We are looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

Mrs Harding & Mrs Caine