



Foundation Stage Newsletter – Issue 1

Welcome to Reception! This is the first of many newsletters that you will be receiving either by email or as a paper copy to help you feel connected with your child's new world. We are committed to building a strong parent partnership with our parents and believe that by working together your child will receive the best possible start to their learning journey through our school. It was great to meet you all in your homes last week and our chats have helped us to build a picture of your child and begin to get to know them. We feel that all the children have made a brilliant transition from pre-school to 'big school' this week - WELL DONE everyone!.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This week we set up lots of activities to allow the children to explore our learning environment and begin to build relationships with each other and the adults. We have also introduced the children to a class timetable so that they can see how their school time will be spent. This helps the children feel safe and secure in a familiar routine. We have put in two toilet 'stops' to encourage the children to remember to build this into their time in school. By giving the children a structure they begin to grow in independence and confidence. We have also begun to teach the children our school rules by using their school badge (logo). The children have coloured in this logo and brought it home so that they can talk about and learn the school **Golden Rules**.

Health & Safety

We want children and parents to be safe when entering and leaving the premises and would therefore ask you to use the footpaths and not to cross the car park. We will do our part by ensuring the school gate by the roundabout is open from 11.20am and 12.40pm.

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for staff use only. At the lunchtime drop off we also ask that parents stay by our classroom door and not to venture to the playground or Spinney as the KS2 children are on their lunch breaks.

Makaton Signing

We have introduced the children to 'signing' so that they can communicate with the children in our school with a range of needs. There have already been lots of opportunities for getting to know new children in the SU's Blue Class. So far we have learnt to say *Good Morning/Good Afternoon* and our teacher's name. We will extend this form of communication and

language next week and send home a copy of the signs for you to share at home.

Next Week

We will be looking at the children's Communication and Language Development and encouraging the children to explore and to use language to communicate their thinking by talking about their small world play, how they built their model and sharing their family photographs. We will be taking the children on a tour of the school and visiting the library, so that all the children can select a picture book for you to share at home.

Our main focus for the week will centre around the following questions -

How are we the same?

How are we different?

What makes a family?

Tapestry

We are busy setting up each child's profile on Tapestry which is our online learning journey. We will let you know when we are ready to invite you to join Tapestry.

Parent Pay

Please do not forget to log in and sign up to your child's Parent Pay account. If you have any difficulties doing this, do pop in and speak to the office staff who will help you access your account.

Reminders

Please send your child to school with a family photograph of a memorable occasion. This needs to be named on the back of the photo and given to your child's class teacher.

All children need to have a PE kit in school for our PE session on Thursday, long hair needs to be tied up and earrings must be removed before school.

Thank you