

# Reminders

## P.E

RH have P.E on Wednesday and RKW have P.E on Monday. Children will need black P.E pumps, black or navy shorts and a white t-shirt. Can we also remind you that children are not allowed to take part in P.E. with earrings in or without their hair tied back. It is really important for everything that the children bring to school to be named.

## Forest School

Forest School for RH has started this week. All clothes should be in a labelled plastic bag. Children will also need to have their wellies in school at all times. Please note, Forest school is part of the school curriculum and children are expected to attend every week. RKW will start their Forest School after Christmas.

## Fund

We collect a voluntary fund of 50p a week. We collect fund on a Monday morning, please encourage your child to bring in their 50p contribution. Fund money goes towards lots of extra activities such as cooking, crafts and topic related resources. Without this collection we will not be able to provide these experiences for your child.

# Other Information!

## Parents as Partners

We would like to welcome your contribution as parents to your child's Learning Journey. Anything that your child does outside of school can be shared with us and put into your child's Learning Journey; this then allows us to build up a full picture of your child.

## Bags

Your child will need a book bag large enough to fit their A4 plastic folder, this needs to be brought to school everyday with their Pupil Planner and reading book, once they have one, inside.

## Hot Dinners

We have been really impressed with how well the children have coped with the routine for hot dinners. All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal and we would encourage you to take up this offer. If your child does bring sandwiches to school please make sure they put their lunchbox on the trolley not in their drawer box. Your child's lunchbox needs to have their name on the outside.

## Pupil Planners

All children will soon be issued with a planner. This is a valuable tool for creating good home/school communication. Any messages from the teacher and or homework will be put in the planner. Comments regarding their reading will be added weekly. Please support us by recording

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**Information for parents.**

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# Introduction

## Welcome to Reception!

We are really pleased with how all of the children have settled in to school life. Thank you for your help with easing the transition from Nursery to Reception. We appreciate that this is a big change, moving from half days to full days, but we can assure you that your children have impressed us with their mature approach to school life. If you have children in other year groups you will need to organise with their teacher for them to be sent to Reception at the end of the day on the walking bus.

## Encouraging independence

Part of being in Reception involves becoming more independent. We would like to encourage the children to come into school and take responsibility for their own belongings. Please support us by leaving your child at the door. Staff will always be available to support children when they arrive. If you need to speak to your child's teacher we would encourage you to do so at the end of the day when they have more time to spend with you. Any messages can be passed to the adult on the door.

Our topic this term is All About Me, thank you to all of those who have returned their All About Me books, children have enjoyed sharing them with their friends. These books will form the basis of our topic, so

# Literacy

This term in Literacy, we will be focussing on:

- Letter recognition
- Listening to and recognising sounds in words.
- Holding a pencil correctly.
- Forming the letters in their names and simple words.

You can help at home by:

- Practising writing their whole names independently.
- Providing lots of opportunities for your child to read and write at home.

## PAIR reading Scheme

This year we will be re-launching PAIR (Parent Assisted Immersive Reading). It is designed to run over the course of a term to support you in developing your child's early reading skills. We will be inviting you to attend a parent meeting where we will be sharing how the books work. A letter with details of this will follow shortly.

All children will receive a reading book after half term, until then please continue to share story books at home with your child. Children will soon receive letters and words to practice at home.

We will be visiting the library fortnightly where our school librarian, Mrs Avery, will be sharing stories with the children. The children will also be able to take home a library book once they have got used to the library and how it works.

# Maths

This term in Maths, we will be focussing on:

- Number recognition
- Counting songs and rhymes
- Estimating
- Matching numbers to amounts

You can help at home by:

- Singing number songs and rhymes.
- Looking at numbers in the environment.
- Counting actions e.g.. Steps to bed.

## Family Read

We would like to invite you to attend family read on a Friday at 8.45am until 8.55am. This is an opportunity for you to share a story or your child's learning journey. This will take place in your child's class. Doors will be open on the bell and we ask you to leave promptly on the second bell.