

# Reception practicalities

## Start of the Day

The Class 1 cloakroom entrance will be opened at 8.40am each morning when children should start coming into the cloakroom area, hang up their coats and put their bookbags away into their drawer. In the classroom they can do our morning task which may be a pencil control activity to reinforce particular handwriting strokes or number formation or a colouring page to support fine motor skills. The children can then come to the carpet to share a book or news with their friends.

At 8.50am the children will be encouraged to say goodbye and to come to the carpet area ready to sing our morning song and start the day.

All children should have wellies in school and may also bring outdoor trainers (which can double up as their PE shoes), otherwise they will have to stay on the playground on wetter days rather than enjoy the whole of the outdoor area.

We encourage the children to keep hydrated throughout the day, please send a bottle of water in with your child each day. They should also please have a *sun hat, sun cream and PE kit* in school.

## Snacktime

The Early Years children are all offered a drink of milk and fruit/vegetable snack as part of their school day. If your child has already turned 5, milk has to be paid for and if you have not registered you can get information about this at the school office. *Please note your child must be registered with the scheme to receive milk, even if they are not yet 5 years old.*

## Hometime

After our end of day story time and school prayer all of the Class 1 children will sit together with a member of the Early Years Team. We obviously need to be sure that all children get to their adult safely and so a member of staff will always be on door duty. This member of staff will call children from the carpet individually, where they will be sharing stories, singing songs, watching a short episode of a favourite TV show or listening to music while they wait for their turn. We appreciate this can sometimes be a long process and do thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

If, at the end of the day, you ever wish to speak to a member of the team, about any concern, achievement, issue or anecdote concerning your child then please do wait until all children have been dismissed so that we can concentrate fully on the conversation.

## Home Learning

At this early stage in their school life we will not send home any formal 'homework' but do encourage you to talk to your child about what they have been doing in school. Talk to them about numbers, letters, labels and signs around them. Do they notice or recognise different numbers or letters in the world around them, such as on clocks, packaging and road signs?

As the term progresses the children will bring home occasional phonic, number or topic based activities to share with you and try at home, *if you have time*.

Read with your child whenever opportunity arises. You are welcome to borrow books from the classroom and we will soon be encouraging children to choose a library book from our book corner to bring home to share with you. You will be invited to attend a meeting about how we approach phonics and reading a little later in the term, school reading books are not sent home before this.

Please do ask if you have any questions about how our school day works.

Best wishes,

Mrs Williams