

Tuesday, 17th September, 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for all the support you have given in helping the children to settle into the routine of Reception class at our school. This letter is just to let you know about different pieces of everyday information relating to your child's time with us this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to us at the end of the school day, once we have safely handed over all the children to their adults. Alternatively, you may wish to knock on the classroom door before 8.50am if you wish to speak to us. The only time we are unavailable is at the beginning of the school day, when we are bringing the children into the classroom.

Reading Books

This week, your child will bring home a reading book from our scheme. Please spend a little bit of time sharing this with them each night, and write a comment in their white reading record. We are also sending home a character sheet with names and pictures of the main characters in some of the stories. It would be of great help to your child if they could begin to recognise the picture of the character, as well as the character's name in the text.

Please note that, in Reception, school staff will read with your child on a 1:1 basis. This is different to St. Peter's Nursery, where staff share a book with a group of children, and give a guided read. Therefore it may be the case that your child is bringing home a book which they have previously shared in our Nursery. Please do not worry about this – we are merely asking the children to read the book as independently as possible, and to practise and consolidate their skills. If ever you wish to discuss your child's progress in reading, please do get in touch with us. We will do our best to answer any queries you may have. We will soon be holding a parent workshop to discuss reading and phonics, and everyone will be welcome to attend this.

Wellingtons

As Autumn approaches, please could we ask you to send in a named pair of wellingtons, which will then stay in school.

Before School

If the weather is wet before school, the children can come in early, rather than stay on the playground to wait for the bell. Please go to the steps next to Year 2 (on the left-hand side of the building when standing on the playground), where there will be a member of staff waiting to direct your child into school.

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In Reception, one of our 'golden rules' is to remember that we are all different, and all special. This week, please could you send in an object or photograph from home which makes your child happy. This could be a teddy, a game, or a photograph of a family member, for example. The children will not be allowed to use these objects in the classroom, but we will take a photograph of them ourselves and use them as part of a display.

Once again, many thanks for your support,

Mrs Ryan and Mrs Broadbent