

**Welcome!**

**Meeting for New Reception Intake  
2023-24**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**



# Welcome from:

Mr Wade  
Head of School



Mrs Hunt  
Deputy Head



Miss Bray  
Deputy Head & SENCO



Ms Simon  
Assistant Head & EYFS Lead



Mr Smith  
Assistant Head



# The meeting this afternoon will...

- ▶ Help you help your child make the best possible start to school.
- ▶ Help you to understand the curriculum that your child will be covering in their reception class.
- ▶ Help you understand how we teach children in reception.
- ▶ Show you the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in school.
- ▶ Give you key 'housekeeping' information.

# Our 3 Reception Classes



## ► Daffodil Class

Mrs Matthewman - Class Teacher  
Ms Sprott and Ms Dowdell



## ► Buttercup Class

Miss Bailey - Class Teacher  
Ms Hudson and Miss Wood



## ► Primrose Class

Miss Dulwich - Class Teacher  
Ms Dayment



# What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- ▶ The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- ▶ It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

# Learning in Reception

## ▶ **Three Prime Areas of Learning**

1. Communication and language
2. Physical development
3. Personal, social and emotional development

## ▶ **Four specific areas of learning and development**

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the world
4. Expressive arts and design

# The 3 characteristics of effective learning

These refer to how young children learn. They are taken into account when we plan and assess the children's activities.

- ▶ Playing and exploring
- ▶ Active learning
- ▶ Creating and thinking critically

# The first few weeks

We will spend lots of time getting to know the children and settling them into the new routines. We will complete a baseline assessment to find out what the children already know and can do.

We spend lots of our time working and talking to the children about what they are learning.



You will be invited to discuss how your child has settled in and their progress so far at Parents' evening.



# A typical morning in Reception...

- ▶ 8.45am Come in, hang coat up and do some morning activities.
- ▶ 8.55am Register and lunch choices
- ▶ 9.10am Choosing own learning from activities inside and outside
- ▶ 10.00am Phonics
- ▶ 10.30am Snack time with fruit and milk (provided)
- ▶ 10.45am Maths/ Choosing Own Learning and adult focused tasks
- ▶ 11.45am Lunch


# A typical afternoon in Reception...

- ▶ 13.00 Register and teacher input
- ▶ 13.30 Choosing own learning & adult focused tasks
- ▶ 14:30 Skills time
- ▶ 14.50 Story time
- ▶ 15.00 Getting ready for home time
- ▶ 15.10 Home time

# Snack and Lunchtimes

- ▶ Daily snack time with a carton of milk and choice of fruit.
- ▶ Please provide a water bottle for your child to drink throughout the day.
- ▶ If your child is having lunch at school, please help your child to look at the menu and make a choice that they will enjoy.
- ▶ Children can choose to bring in a packed lunch from home in a lunchbox.

School Menu



Week 1 w/c 26/6, 26/6, 27/7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Meal	Pepperoni Pizza	Sticky Chicken	Fish Finger Wraps	Roast Chicken Fillet	Burger
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sticky Quorn	Veggie Finger Wrap	Roast Garlic & Herb Quorn Fillet	Quorn Hot Dog
Sides/ Accompaniments	Wedges Sweetcorn	Rice Green Beans	Tomato Pasta Salad Sweetcorn Peppers Salad	Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy	Chips
Dessert	Apple & Sultana Flapjack	Pancakes & Chocolate Sauce	Iced Sponge Cake & Sprinkles	Bananas & Custard	Orange & Mango Smoothie

## PLEASE: NO PEANUTS / NUTS

Or products containing peanuts or nuts to be brought into school.



Are you entitled?

Children in KS1 / EYFS receive free school meals, regardless of household income.

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Pupil-Parent-Support/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx>

- ▶ If you receive any of the benefits below, your child might qualify to receive free school meals when they enter KS2:
  - ▶ Income support; Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income of below £16,190; Pension Guarantee Credit; Employment and Support allowance, income related; Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit, with an income of £7,400 or less after tax and excluding benefits.
- ▶ You can find more information at the website above.
- ▶ You cannot apply for free school meals while your child is in KS1, but the school still receives extra funding if you are eligible. You may also receive vouchers to use for food in the school holiday if the Government continues with this scheme. **Speak to the office if you think you are eligible and they can find out.**

# Start dates

As part of effective transition into Reception, we are have a **staggered start**.

- ▶ **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**
- ▶ **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**
- ▶ **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**10 children each day mornings only 8.45-12.00pm**

- ▶ **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September** all children in 8.45-12.00pm
- ▶ **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** all children in for lunch, pick up at 1.15pm
- ▶ **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** onwards all children in all day 8.45 and pick up at 3.10pm.

# What can I do to help my child?

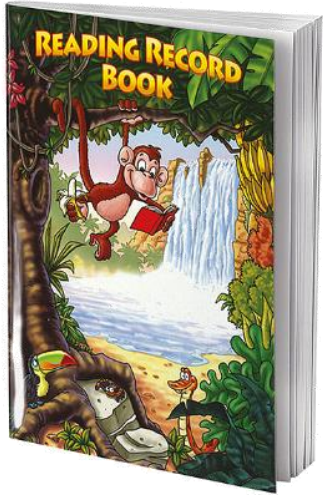
- ▶ Get children used to putting on/taking off their coat independently
- ▶ Support your child to use the toilet independently
- ▶ Let the children put on their own socks and shoes
- ▶ Support them to use a knife and fork
- ▶ Recognise their own name
- ▶ Read at home together regularly

# Tapestry

- ▶ We use Tapestry in Reception to make observations and take photos of your child to record their progress
- ▶ Parents can log on to see these and can add to them.
- ▶ We may also record ‘Wow’ moments.
- ▶ Please look out for an email and set up your account asap!
- ▶ If you have not received the email by the end of next week, please let us know.



# Reading



This is your child's reading record. Please record every time you read at home with your child.

The expectation is that you read with your child at least **3** times a week.

Your child will have a reading book that matches their phonic level and will be changed once a week on the same day.

Every child will have 2 reading sessions each week with an adult.

Please keep your child's books in their book bag and bring to school every day.



# Uniform

Please write your child's name in all their uniform

Children should be able to take their own shoes off and put them on independently. Shoes that have Velcro or buckles will help them to do this.



**Reception learning is not always clean!  
Please be understanding!**

# What does my child need at school?

- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ A small book bag
- ▶ Spare clothes
- ▶ A coat as we will be spending lots of time outside in all weathers!
- ▶ Wellington boots to leave at school
- ▶ Children do NOT need a P.E kit until Easter.

# Medical needs

- ▶ Please inform your child's class teacher and the school office of any medical conditions.
- ▶ Please provide copies of any care plans.
- ▶ Please bring in any asthma pumps, medication, etc. that your child may need with their name clearly marked and any instructions for use.
- ▶ All staff in EYFS are first-aid trained, and some staff have had pediatric training

# What should I do now?

- ▶ Ensure you have completed an admissions form if your child has not been in our nursery.
- ▶ Provide a copy of your child's birth certificate to the office if you have not done so already.
- ▶ Talk to the school office if you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals.
- ▶ Read with your child a minimum of three times a week to help them practice their phonics skills and develop a love of reading.
- ▶ Investigate ways to help your child with their learning during their time in Reception. A great source of information can be found at [www.tlc-essex.info/](http://www.tlc-essex.info/)



# Autumn Term Dates

- ▶ 13<sup>th</sup> September - Woodlands Headteacher talk to Yr 6 parents
- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September - Yr 6 IoW Residential
- ▶ Week of the 16<sup>th</sup> October (exact dates to be confirmed) - Halloween Discos
- ▶ 18<sup>th</sup> October - Yr 3 Harvest Assembly
- ▶ Week of 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Half Term
- ▶ 30<sup>th</sup> October - Non-pupil day
- ▶ Week of the 13<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week
- ▶ 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Consultation evenings
- ▶ 18<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need non-uniform day

# Autumn Term Dates Continued

- ▶ 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 1 Christmas production
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 2 Christmas production
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Christmas production
- ▶ 14<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery carol concert
- ▶ 14<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Dinner
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 3 carol concert
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> December - Winter Workshop and market
- ▶ 18<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 4 carol concert
- ▶ 19<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 5 carol concert
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 6 carol concert
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term

# Spring Term Dates

- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> January - First day of term
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day
- ▶ Week of 12<sup>th</sup> February (exact dates to be confirmed) - Valentine's Discos
- ▶ Week of 19<sup>th</sup> February - Half term
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- ▶ Week of 11<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day - non-uniform day
- ▶ 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultation evenings
- ▶ 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March - Yr 4 Spring Production
- ▶ To be confirmed - Young Voices concert

# Summer Term Dates

- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> April - first day of term
- ▶ Week of 29<sup>th</sup> April (exact dates to be confirmed) - May Ball discos
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday
- ▶ Week of 13<sup>th</sup> May - Yr 6 SATs week
- ▶ 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May - non-pupil days
- ▶ Week of 27<sup>th</sup> May - half term
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May - Yr 5 Summer Showcase performances
- ▶ Week of 17<sup>th</sup> June - Money Week
- ▶ 21<sup>st</sup> June - Enterprise Day and inflatable fun event
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> July - End of year reports day
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> July - Move up day
- ▶ 16<sup>th</sup> July - Open Evening
- ▶ 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Yr 6 Leaver's Assembly and Leaver's Party
- ▶ 23<sup>rd</sup> July - last day of the academic year



# And finally...

If you have any worries or concerns please do ask and we will do our best to help you 😊

**Thank you for coming - any questions ?**

