



BROOK INFANT SCHOOL

Salterns Road
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Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome to Reception! The children have settled in really well and have enjoyed exploring the Reception areas. We have had many positive comments from the children about their first few weeks and we feel extremely proud of them all settling in so quickly. Please make sure that from now you say goodbye at the door and let your child come into school by themselves.

We have compiled this letter to help answer some of the questions we have had from a few parents.

Physical Education:

Each class has PE once a week. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school all week. We will send it home at the end of each half term for you to wash. May we remind you to ensure that all items are clearly labelled, as thirty t-shirts etc, are impossible to redistribute without names! Our PE day is Monday, please make sure on this day that earrings are removed and girls hair is tied up.

Outdoor Play:

The children in the Foundation Stage (Reception) have equal access to the indoor and outdoor environment; this means that there will be planned outdoor learning experiences throughout the week, whatever the weather! We would therefore ask that your child brings a named waterproof coat (preferably a hooded one) to school each day. Please also bring wellies into school in a named carrier bag.



Belongings:

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled (even socks!). Book bags need to be brought daily to school for the child to place in a box in the cloakroom. You could add a couple of stickers to the name label or small keyring to the handle so that your child can easily spot their bag in a box of many similar looking book bags!

Cover for Teachers:

Every fortnight, the teachers in Reception will have time out of class. We call it PPA (planning, preparation and assessment).

When we are not in class, the classes will be covered by the following teaching staff:

Gosling Class- Mrs Badman

Duckling Class- Mrs Thomas

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Cox BA (Hons) NPQH

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Before/ After School:

Many thanks for waiting behind the gates in the morning and at the end of the day. You can open the gate five minutes before 8.30 and 3pm to wait closer to the classroom doors. **Please remember before school and after school, children are not allowed to play in the outside classroom area or on the climbing frame/trim trail for our insurance purposes.**

Friday Celebration Assembly:

Some of the children will start to attend our Friday assemblies with the rest of the school where we celebrate our Sparkly Rights and those who have had their birthdays. For those of you that are not familiar with this, each week the teachers choose a child who has demonstrated one of the school's Sparkly Rights to receive a Sparkly fish in Friday's Celebration Assembly! If your child has been chosen for this award or have celebrated their birthday that week you will receive a text message to invite you to the assembly. If your child is celebrating their birthday in the assembly they can wear a party outfit for the whole day.



Fruit Snack:

Each day we get one piece of free school fruit or vegetable per child. If your child needs more or doesn't like the school snacks, then please provide one extra snack in a clearly labelled pot.



Phonics and Reading Meeting Information:

A reminder that you are invited to come and find out about how we teach phonics in a meeting for Reception parents on Wednesday 2nd October at 9am.

Yours sincerely



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