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Dear Parents

Reception Curriculum Overview: Summer Term

Welcome to a new term in Reception. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable Easter break. We will be continuing to provide opportunities for all six areas of learning within the Foundation Stage; through child initiated play, adult led activities and adult supported activities. We will have a greater emphasis on learning within our outside area as the weather improves and the facilities in the new Reception garden offer greater scope to facilitate this. Our topic for the first half of this term will be 'When our grandparents were young' and in the latter half of the term it will be at 'The Seaside.'

The reception staff will be working closely with the Year 1 staff to make the transition from Foundation Stage as easy as possible. As we get towards the end of the Summer term the children will have opportunities to familiarise themselves with the Key Stage 1 playground in preparation for this transition. We will also join in with the Year 1 & 2 assemblies.

The School Day:

The structure of the school day, this term the children will work as a whole class, a group, a pair and as an individual on various activities throughout the school day.

Start of the Day Procedures:

Doors will promptly open at 8:55, when children come into school through the first gate in the Reception garden and then into their own cloakroom door. They are then encouraged to self-register using the systems in place for their class. Children then carry out a variety of activities set out for them by their teacher. Parents are encouraged to stay in class to settle their children, and to leave before hearing 'Dexter' croak at 9:10.

Please endeavour to arrive promptly so your child is ready to start the school day by 9am.

Snack Time:

Children will have a mid-morning snack each day where fruit, water and milk will be provided, as well as occasional 'topic' food and drink.

A donation of £1 per week is suggested to cover the cost of snack times, cooking and consumables.

Lunch Times:

Children will continue to eat their lunch in the Beech Club Room. Please send a packed lunch or, if your child would prefer a cooked lunch, send money for the day, days or week on a Monday morning. Menus are displayed outside/inside the classroom; please help your child to make their choice at the beginning of the day and write this on the list provided. A child's cooked lunch costs £2.00.

End of the Day Procedures:

Children are dismissed at 3pm by their class teacher. Please ensure that you are clearly visible to ensure a swift exit. If someone other than yourself is picking up your child, please let your child's class teacher or the office know in advance in writing.

Reading Books:

This term we will be sending home a colour coded reading book for you and your child to read together. These can be found outside the Oak and Beech classrooms. Parents are responsible for looking after, returning and changing when necessary. Key words are also sent home weekly and spending time each night and at the weekend with your child is extremely valuable and the difference it makes to your child's reading and writing is immense.

Please also remember that reading not only takes the form of reading a book; your child is also reading when looking at the Argos book, a cornflake packet, road signs etc.

P.E

This term the children will be participating in P.E sessions on a Monday morning our topic is dance. At this point in the year we would like to ensure all children bring a full a PE kit to independently change in to: this should be black/navy shorts a white tee-shirt and plimsolls.

All-Weather Clothing:

We place a great emphasis on both indoor and outdoor learning. Therefore, please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for a variety of activities, including: Wellington boots and waterproofs for rainy days and a hat for sunny days. Due to the warm weather we have had recently we would encourage you to provide your child with a hat, and sun cream. We advise you to put sun cream on your child before school, and then place the bottle, wipes in their book bag baskets in the morning, so they can reapply to themselves as necessary. Please help your child to apply sun cream at home as staff are not allowed to help them at school

Bikes and Scooters:

Please ensure that bikes and scooters do not stay at school during the day as this causes unnecessary anxiety for those children who are without.

General:

The improvements to the reception garden will commence on the 4th May 2010 and last approximately 1 week, this will not affect the dropping off and collecting your children. Please keep a close eye on all siblings as this will be a building site.

Please can we stress again that all lunchboxes, clothing including coats and PE Kit/bags are clearly labelled with your child name.

Can we also ask again for any spare clothes that we have lent to your children to be return to your class teacher as soon as possible.

**A parents/guardians meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 12th May at 9:00am
Children to go to their classroom as normal and parents to meet in the Hall**

Thank you all for a wonderful start to this new term. We look forward to working as a Reception team this year and thank you in advance for all your support.