



Reception News

A newsletter for Blue and Gray Whale Class Parents
Autumn Term 2017

Welcome

Welcome to everyone after the summer holidays and a special welcome to all our new friends that have joined us in both Blue and Gray Whale Class.

The children have settled extremely well to school life. Please feel free to catch us at the end of the day to ask any queries you may have.

Your child may come home and say they don't know what they have done but feel assured they are very engrossed in their activities in the day.

We are just waiting for our observation system to be set up and then we will begin to email observations home to you.

Each week there will be a 'this weeks' activity sheet on the whiteboard outside both reception classes and on the website. This is to inform you what your child will be learning each week and offers you the chance to continue their learning at home.

We will start phonics when we feel the children are ready. At which point we will send home a phonics pack that you can work through if your child would like to. We will also be sending home a letter formation sheet each day with the letter we have learnt for your child to practise. This can be stuck into their yellow books.

Yellow Books

Yellow books will be shared every Monday afternoon with the class.

We will keep the children's yellow books on a Tuesday and return these to you Wednesday.

Reading Books

We will send home a reading book for your children to share with you. Each child will start of bringing a 'pink' labelled book home and this may change throughout the year based on their reading ability.

If you read with your child on a Tuesday evening please note it in the yellow book on a Wednesday when it is returned to you.

During the autumn term we will begin reading with all children a minimum of once every two weeks. We will change their books every time we read with them and also change them every Tuesday. If your child wishes to change their book more regularly please encourage them to do so.

Forest Day will begin on 27th September. Please wear home clothes to school. There is no need for you to bring school uniform.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding parents evenings on the 10th and 18th October.

Birthdays!

We love to celebrate children's birthdays at school and do so by singing and giving the birthday child the chance to wear the birthday hat or glasses. If you have any invitations we can help by putting them in the book bags (please note this will only be done in reception as everyone is new to the school).

Parent Readers

If you would like to come in and read with individual children in your child's class then please let their class teacher know. We will ensure the children are settled before introducing new adults into the classroom. The best reading times are normally first thing in the morning or last thing before home time, for 10-15 minutes.

Reminder: Your child's book bag, yellow book and water bottles must be brought into school every day



Please make sure that your child's clothing and belongings are clearly named.

