



Reception News

A newsletter for Blue and Gray Whale Class Parent

Autumn Term 2022

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 questions you may have.

Your child may come home and say they don't know what they have done, but rest assured they are very engrossed in their activities. Please check our website page for recent photos and videos.

Each week there will be a 'This Weeks Activities' sheet which can be found by clicking on Pupils/ Early Years Foundation Stage/ Reception 2022-23 on the website and scrolling down to the bottom. 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 soon and will be using the Read, Write Inc programme. More information to follow.

Drop-offs and pick-ups

drop-off is 8.45am and pick up is 3.10pm. Please leave the children at the bottom of the ramp to come up independently if they are happy to do so. Please can adults refrain from coming up the ramp and also from coming into the classroom as it helps the children settle more quickly and develops their independence.

Baseline Assessment

The Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) is a statutory assessment. It provides a snapshot of where pupils are when they arrive at school. This half term we have been and will continue to gather information about each child's individual learning and development. Once this is completed we will begin to target children next steps and learning. We will talk to you about this in greater detail at the Parent Consultations.

We use Tapestry which is an online learning journal to take observations of your children and communicate with you. As soon as we have everyone's permission we will get it up and running and you will receive regular observations and updates.

Reminder: Your child's water bottle must be brought into school every day. If the weather is good please send in a sun hat also. Please make sure that your child's clothing and belongings are clearly named too by writing their name in/on them.



Thank you to everyone that completed the All About Me A4 sheets. They are so creative and the children love talking about their families and what they got up to during the summer. We will be sharing them in greater detail with the class over the next couple of weeks.

Birthdays!

We love to celebrate children's birthdays at school and do so by singing and giving the birthday child the chance to talk about their birthday.

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). Unfortunately due to GDPR we are unable to give out class lists.

As we are a Healthy Eating School we are not able to allow the children to hand out sweets or cakes.

Reading Books

Just before half-term we will send home a reading book for your children to share with you.

During the autumn term we will begin reading with all children. We will change their books every time we read with them. If your child wishes to change their book more regularly please encourage them to do so. We will also support them with this. Please can the children bring their book bags into school every day.

