

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Friday 13th September 2019

Welcome to Reception © Its been lovely getting to know all of our new children and their families as well as welcoming back lots of familiar faces from our nursery classes too ©. We are very proud of how well the children are settling in and taking all the new routines in their stride.

We have started learning (and for some children revisiting) our letter sounds (phonemes). So far we have learnt 's,a,t,p and i'. We have been sorting picture to match their initial sound as well as listening to where in a word we can hear a given phoneme.

Each day in school, our infant children receive milk and a piece of fruit free of charge. As well as this, in Repetition, we also encourage our children to visit our classroom 'snack table'. Our snack table is open to the children all day and is aimed at encouraging the children to develop their independence and fine motor skills (buttering, cutting, chopping, pouring and washing up, etc. for themselves). We also feel it

helps to develop their social skills, encouraging them to sit and talk whilst enjoying a healthy array of foods. To allow us to continue with our Reception snack tables, we are asking parents for a contribution of £1 per week. This allows us to buy in a healthy array of foods such as different breads, spreads, dips, crackers, croissants, fruits, vegetables, etc. for the children to try. Snack money can either be paid off weekly or a couple of weeks in advance (what ever is most convenient to you). Snack money should be placed in our honesty box by the door and a tick

should be placed next to your child's name on our snack list to signal that you have paid.

Some of you have been enquiring about P.E. kits. School are ordering jogging bottoms for each child in Reception. These will be sent home with your child. We will then send a letter home to inform you of when they will be required to wear them.

If you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us at any time

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