

14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Welcome to Reception!

We have been really impressed with how all the children have settled into coming to school, they are getting to know the rules and routines of Reception. In five days they have already gelled together as a team and have worked hard to listen and learn in their classes. The children have all been very busy showing us what they know already so that we can plan their future learning.

This week all the children will be starting at the same time as the rest of the school, so **the gates will be open from 8.45am and all children need to be in class by 8.55am. Both gates will be locked at 9:00am.**

### Dropping off:

**In order to ease congestion in the classroom, it would be really helpful if you can say goodbye to your child at the classroom door. Most children know where their pegs are now and are becoming familiar with the morning routine of putting away their things and signing in on the board. It is much easier for the class to settle when we are less crowded.**

### General Messages:

In school children are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack each day. If you would prefer to provide your own snack it is school policy to have fruit or vegetable snacks only, this does include smoothie pouches and dried fruits e.g. raisins. Also could you please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day, this should be filled with water only – no juice or squash, thank you.

Please can you discourage children from bringing toys from home into school as they can easily get lost and/or broken. Toys from home can also create issues with sharing when other children ask to have a go. We have plenty of toys in school for your child to play with!

A few people have asked about dojo points, in Reception the children earn points for making good choices, such as being kind, listening, sharing and working hard. At the end of each day the child or children with highest score become the dojo champions for the next day. They choose a badge to wear in school so that everyone knows they are the champion. When a child doesn't follow the rules – for example by hurting others, or not sharing toys, first we will make sure they understand what they have done wrong and explain why their behaviour is not ok. Then if the behaviour persists they will get a warning; if the behaviour continues or escalates, they may earn a 'negative' dojo point and have a short time out. After their time out we will always talk with the child about the choice they made and suggest some other ways they could deal with the situation. In Reception we try to avoid this scenario from happening, by positively reinforcing good behaviour and teaching children different ways to deal with a tricky situation.

**Thank you so much for your support – If you have any queries at any time please feel free to have a quick word with us at the beginning or end of school.**

Mrs Moore

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