

St Agnes Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter 1



We warmly welcome you to Reception and look forward to supporting you and your child this year.

THE RECEPTION TEAM

Miss Duggan: RD Class Teacher

Mrs Zarri: RZ Class Teacher

Caroline: Teaching Assistant

Despoina: Teaching Assistant

Rita: Teaching Assistant

Rocio: Teaching Assistant

TIMINGS

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and that you are prompt in collecting your child as being late can cause them great distress.

Please let us know if someone else is collecting your child.

Start: 8.55 a.m

Finish: 3.10 p.m

STARTING RECEPTION

When the children enter the classroom they will be greeted by a member of staff who will supervise their handwashing. They are encouraged to independently hand up their coat and put their bag into their tray. At the end of the day, parents will wait outside the gate and your child will be called by a member of the team.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with their name on. We will encourage them to drink this throughout the day.



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

During the first half term, our focus will be on settling the children into Reception, building their confidence and independence and teaching the children the school routine and expectations.

Our theme will be 'I am unique'. We will discuss families, similarities and differences and that all of us are unique. We will encourage the children to speak in full sentences.

You can support your child at home by talking to them about your family, recalling experiences you have had as a family and what it means to be kind to others.



UNIFORM

Please ensure every item of your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. Please show your child where they can find their name. Information about the correct uniform can be found on the school website.



ILLNESS

If your child has had vomiting or diarrhea they must remain at home for **48 hours** after their last bout of illness. This is to prevent the spread of illness to others. If your child is ill please telephone the school office in the morning. On their return to school you must provide a note explaining the reason for their absence.

Your child's absences and punctuality will be monitored closely as a significant amount of absence or lateness can impact on your child's learning and development.

CONSUMABLES DONATION

Every term, we ask that each family donate £5.00 for 'consumables'. This money enables us to provide cooking activities, gardening resources and materials for the malleable area such as play dough, jelly, corn flour etc.

We would also appreciate a donation of a box of tissues from each family.



ALLERGIES AND MEDICATION

Please inform us in writing of any allergies, health issues or medication. Prescribed medication can only be administered by prior arrangement.

FOCUS CHILDREN & PROGRESS

MEETINGS

Once all the children are settled, the Reception team will be assessing a small group of children each week. We refer to them as the 'focus children'. When your child is a 'focus child' we will be observing and recording information regarding their learning and development. We will be sharing this information with you in a 5-10 minute meeting to discuss their progress and next steps. You will receive the dates for focus weeks in due course.

FOOD AND DRINK



You must register your child to receive free school milk at <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>. Fruit is also provided everyday as a snack and the children can access this independently. Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle in school every day. It must contain water only.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Please read the school's weekly newsletter for diary dates. Your child may also bring school letters home with them - please take the time to read these.

We hope that your child will be very happy here in Reception. We look forward to working with you this year. Please speak to one of us if you have any questions.

The Reception Team