

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 Moran: RM Class Teacher

Miss Bashid: RB Class Teacher

Caroline: Teaching Assistant

Shirley: Teaching Assistant

Fabiana: Teaching Assistant

Gosia: 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: 8.40-8.55 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 hang up their coat and put their book bag into their tray. At the end of the day, parents will wait outside the classroom 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 'Let's Explore'. We will explore the world around us, looking at the seasons and learning how we are all different and unique. We will encourage the children to speak in full sentences.

You can support your child at home by talking to them about their family, going on nature walks, recalling exciting experiences they have had 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.

ALLERGIES AND MEDICATION

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

If your child cannot eat specific foods served at lunch e.g. pork, please let us know.

FOCUS CHILDREN & PROGRESS MEETINGS

Once all the children are settled, the Reception team will be assessing a small group of children each week referred to 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 meetings in due course.

CONSUMABLES DONATION

Every term, we ask that each family donates £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.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please ensure that your child has change of underwear and uniform in case of accidents. We do not have lots of spare uniform to give to children. Please ensure all items are labelled with their name

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