

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome to Reception!

We are pleased to tell you that the children are settling quickly and happily into life in Reception and have made a really positive start. This half term our topic is **'Ourselves'**.

PACT Bags and Show and Tell

When we begin reading with your child, we will send a reading bag home with a PACT book. We will let you know which day is your child's reading day. Every week we will share a book with your child and let you know how your child is progressing with their reading that week. There is also an opportunity for you to write any comments in the PACT book. They will bring the book home that we have shared and also another picture book of their choice. Please make sure that your child brings in their PACT bag on their reading day every week.

Every Friday we will be setting the children an e-book that reflects the phonics that we have been learning that week. In order to access this, you will need to use a login that will be attached to your reading record book inside the PACT bag.

Show and Tell will take place daily and your child's show and tell day will be the same as their reading day. We encourage children to bring in something from home to talk about in front of the class. Please make sure that they do not bring in anything too precious or that could potentially hurt another child.

Clothing

Please make sure your children wear sensible shoes every day as we often do outdoor/indoor games at different times throughout the week, for example, crocs and wellies are very difficult to run in.

Please try and label your child's clothes especially coats and jumpers.

Water bottles and Fruit

All children must bring in a water bottle, clearly labelled with their name. These will be used by the children throughout the day, so please try and ensure that they are able to open these independently. These will be sent home each afternoon for cleaning and refilling for the following day. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for remembering their water bottle every day.

We have fruit time every day so your child does not need to bring in any snacks.

Medicines

If your child needs to keep medication at school (e.g. epipens, inhalers) then please make sure that you bring in 2 – 1 for the classroom and 1 for the medical room. Please make sure that you bring this medicine in on the first day and that you keep a record of the expiry date.

Parent Opportunities

We welcome parents and carers to come in and work with the children at any time (gardening, cooking, reading or playing). Please let your child's class teacher know when you wish to come in. We will also put up a Story time list when the children are settled.

The weekly parents' time for both classes are **Monday 3:30 – 4:00pm**. If this is not a convenient time for you then please let us know and we can arrange another time to meet.

ELS & Early Reading Workshop for Parents

On Tuesday 1st October all parents are invited to attend a workshop explaining how we teach phonics and early reading at Yerbury. It will start at 9:15am and finish at approximately 10am.

Best wishes,

The Reception Team

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