

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We are pleased to tell you that the children have had a fantastic first morning, they settled in quickly and enjoyed exploring their new environment. 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 (PACT bag) containing two books. 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 Reading Record log. They will bring the book home that we have shared and also another 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.

Your child will do Show and Tell once a week and it will take place on the same day as they bring in their PACT bag. We encourage children to bring in something from home to talk about in front of the class or it could be a photo emailed to us that we display on the board. 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 and crocs/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. A reminder that children are not allowed to eat snacks in the playground once they have been picked up.

Medicines

If your child needs to keep medication at school (e.g. epipens, inhalers) then please make sure that you bring in two, one for the classroom and one 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 with any expertise in certain areas e.g. gardening, cooking to come in and work with the children. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like to come in. We will also put up a story time list when the children are settled for parents to come in and read at the end of the day.

Georgia's weekly parent-time is Monday 3:45 – 4:15pm.

Frances' weekly parent-time is Thursday 3:45-4:15pm.

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 30th September 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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