

# Reception News

## Welcome to Reception



A warm welcome to everyone! We have had a lovely time meeting and getting to know your children and we are all very excited about the year ahead! Our theme this half term is '**All About Me**'. We hope the following activities will help the children to get to know each other better and also enable them to practise their listening and communication skills.

**Holiday photos:** We would like to make a display of the children's individual experiences during the holiday, so if you have any items, postcards and photos from either a fun day out or time away it would be very much appreciated. The children can bring these items in during the next couple of weeks.

**House Photo:** Could you also send in a photo of your child waving from your front door so we can talk about and create a class display about where we all live and the people who are important in our lives.

**Birthdays:** We will be talking to the children about when their birthday is and how old they are. They will each make a self-portrait, looking closely at their skin, hair and eye colour.

Some parents like to send in treats for the other children on their child's birthday. We would like to suggest that if you would like to mark your child's birthday in this way, you consider donating a book (new or second hand), that can be added to our book corner, rather than an edible treat, as we are a 'Healthy School' and have children with a variety of allergies.

**Creative Workshop:** We would be very grateful for donations of spare 'creative' bits and pieces. Your 'junk' is our treasure! We are currently collecting the following items:

*kitchen roll tubes, yoghurt pots, egg carton boxes, small boxes (e.g. toothpaste boxes), old wrapping paper, tissue paper, small plastic pots, pipe cleaners, pasta shapes, rice, lentils, cotton wool, milk bottle tops, scraps of material & ribbon.*

**School uniform:** Please remember to name all of your child's belongings including shoes. Several children have the same shoes or don't recognise their shoes. A label inside the shoe would help.

**Curriculum Overview:** We look forward to seeing you all at our curriculum overview meeting on Thursday 29 September at 16:00. The link for this meeting is as follows: <https://meet.google.com/xey-fspv-axq?hs=122&authuser=0>

**Online Safety:** Internet Matters have created dedicated hubs on their website for early years, primary and secondary aged children. These hubs are full of information and resources for teachers and parents, including common issues, top apps and platforms, resources and advice. The direct link to the Early Years hub is: <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/pre-school/>

Finally, we would also be grateful for donations of tissues for our runny noses!

Please do not hesitate to contact us about any concerns (ideally through our class email – see below), no problem is too small.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your families,

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