



RECEPTION NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1 -2023



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A big welcome to all our new children and families as well as our nursery children and families, who moved up from our nursery class. We hope you have had a lovely summer and are all ready for new adventures. We have had a great start to school in Reception and it is a pleasure getting to know all the children as their personalities shine through.

Meet the team

Mrs Lea - Class Teacher

Mrs Stevens, Miss Sherris, Mrs Carter - Support Staff



What are we learning?

This half term our learning will be based around the theme 'All About Me'. We will also learn about Harvest and start looking at Autumn.

All children need a book bag and a water bottle in school daily. These are available to purchase at the school office. **Please just send water to drink** and ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Family Photo

Please could you send in a family photo that your child can talk about and share with the class. The photo will be photocopied and used as part of a shared class topic book. The photo will then be sent home. If you do not have any printed copies, you can email them to school.

Tapestry

Tapestry is the secure online learning journal we use at Starbeck Primary Academy. It records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. You were sent an information letter and permission slips in your child's starting school pack along with their admission forms. As soon as your details have been verified by you an account will be created for you to activate. If your child attended Nursery, their Tapestry Learning Journey will be continued. It may take a couple of weeks for us to collect all the information to activate new accounts so nothing will be posted during this period. Once the account is up and running if you need any support on how to use it please ask.

Wellbeing Wednesday

Each Wednesday for part of the day we will be talking about different ways we can stay healthy in our body and mind. This is a whole school initiative as part of our Social, Emotional and Mental Health offer. There will be a different theme each week centred around ways we can support ourselves and what is needed for positive wellbeing.



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Phonics, Mathematics and Home Reading

This term we will be starting our Phonics Scheme called 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' more information will follow giving you a more detailed overview. Reading books will not be sent home for a few weeks giving the children chance to settle in and get used to routines. However we are always encouraging the children to read for pleasure, so on a Friday they will be choosing a library book from school which is to bring home and share with their grown ups then returned for the following Friday. Once the children start to bring home their reading books they will also have a reading record, these are to record how often they read their book at home and any comment you may like to add. The reading book they bring home will have previously been read at school in their reading groups then brought home to revisit. We do advise that reading books are kept in book bags when not being read as if they are not returned on book change day we are unable to send home the next book as we have to have full sets ready for the groups.

In Mathematics we will be counting, recognising, and making numbers. We will look at different shapes, patterns and measure. Once the children are settled into their new school routine, on a Friday we will send an activity for you to do at home. Sometimes it will be a practical activity and sometimes an activity sheet. This does not need to be sent back to school, but you may post your child's efforts on Tapestry.



Snack Time

A piece of fruit or vegetable is provided for your child by the government fruit scheme. Please ensure your child is registered on the cool milk scheme to enable them to receive a carton of milk daily. Forms are available from the school office or you can register online at www.coolmilk.com. **The milk is free up until your child's fifth birthday**, but your child must be registered to receive this. We will have the fruit snack in the morning and milk during the afternoon.

P.E

Please make sure your child has a P.E kit in school and that **all items of clothing and footwear are named**. Please ensure that P.E kits are in school all week which will be left on your child's peg. This will then remain for the half term be sent home in the holidays. Our P.E day will be a Thursday.

Outdoor Learning

We learn outdoors every day. As the weather gets colder please ensure that your child brings a pair of named wellington boots to school and has a named waterproof coat when wet. Gloves and hats are also needed as we learn outdoors in **all weathers**. If possible, please leave named wellington boots at school.

Baking

Sometimes we will make food that will be eaten at school and sometimes it will be sent home. If your child has any food allergies



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that we are not aware of please let us know. Please may we ask you for a voluntary contribution of £2 per half term to help pay for the cost of such activities such as baking. Please send this to school in a named envelope.

Junk Modelling

Please can you save newspaper, small boxes, yogurt pots and tubes for junk modelling also, buttons, wool, any craft type resources.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Lea and the Early Years Team