



Autumn Term - 2019
Dolphin Class (Reception)



September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased with how the children are settling into school. They have enjoyed learning about their new classroom and making new friends. Thank you for helping them to gain independence by allowing them to find their own names on the pebbles and hang their own coats and bags on the pegs.

It's lovely to see parents supporting their children with the name writing each morning but if your child settles quicker if you leave straight away please don't feel you have to stay. Please remember a bell at 8:55am signals it is time for all parents to leave and children to start wake and shake.

All children need a book bag, P.E kit in a bag, spare clothes and a drinks bottle in school. All items of clothing must be named so we can easily return lost items to you. If you have not had a chance to buy a book bag they are available from the office at a cost of £4.50.

As part of our weekly timetable the children are very lucky to be taking part in Judo lessons every Thursday afternoon with Coach Eva. Children will need to bring a long sleeved top with no hood or zip and a pair of leggings or joggers into school every Thursday for these lessons. They will also be having music lessons with Mr Warwick every Wednesday morning. Once the children have fully settled we will begin to introduce outdoor learning sessions. I will write again before these start so the children can come prepared with waterproof trousers and boots.

Attached to the letter is a menu of lunches available to the children this term. These options will be displayed as the children walk into the classroom. Don't worry if you are planning to send your child to breakfast club or need to drop your child quickly and go, we will always check every child has a lunch and will ask each child what they would like to eat.

As part of our assessment we use an app called Tapestry. All of the Reception team will add observations of your child's achievements over the year. These will be available to you to see as soon as they have been sent live. This works as a fantastic form of communication between you and us. You can also add your own photographs, videos and comments about your child's achievements at home.

Your child's achievements will only be shared with you and you will only be able to access your child's Tapestry book. Sometimes pictures of your child may have other children in the photograph or your child may appear in other children's photo. Please let us know if this is not O.K.

A notification of an observation will go into your emails. Please could you write the email address you would like to receive these notifications below? Once you have signed the permission slip and added your email address I will begin setting up your child's account. Within a few days you should receive a login code. This code will only last 24 hours. Any problems please pop in and see me.

We are a very friendly team, please feel free to come into class and talk if you have any worries or questions. Mornings can be very busy so if you need more than to pass on a message please ask to meet with me after school.

Thank you

Mrs Purser and the Reception Team

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Child's name.....D.O.B.....

Parent/Guardian's name.....

Email address.....

I do/do not give permission for you to assess my child using the Tapestry app

I do/do not give permission for my child's picture to be shared between other parents in the class.