

Early Years Induction Meeting



Staff in the Reception 2017

Teachers: Miss Swan (Monday – Wednesday), Mrs Pollard (Thursday & Friday)

HLTA: Mrs Davey

SEN TAs: Mrs Every, Mrs Sanders



Welcome to Reception Class!

This presentation aims to provide an introduction to reception at St Catherine's C of E Primary School and includes initial information which we hope you will find useful. Should you have any further questions, staff will be happy to discuss these with you.

St Catherine's aims to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment within a main school setting. Our school ethos is firmly based within the Christian faith which is fully outlined in our school handbook.

The information in this presentation will also be included in your information pack (given out at the end of the meeting) which also includes important paperwork which must be handed back to the class teacher.

The school website, www.stcatherinescofe.co.uk, is kept up to date with the latest news and events and has lots more information about our school.

Class Size & Important Paperwork

Class Size: There are 30 children in the reception 2017 class.

Paperwork: 'Parent packs' will be given out at the end of the presentation. There are important documents that must be filled in and returned ASAP.

Please return these documents to the class teacher



On Your Child's First Day

The first day of school is Wednesday 6th September 2017.

The start of the school day begins at 8:45 (registration closes at 9am); The end of the school day is 3:15pm.

If your child arrives at school after 9am; you must sign in at the office.

If your child is ill and cannot attend school please call the school number and leave a message for the office. Any holiday / absence requests for during school term time will need to be submitted to the Head of School Via the school office.

Please submit your child's lunch choices for the whole week on **Monday mornings** – given to Mrs Every.

Your child will need to bring:

A book bag, a named water bottle, named P.E Kit (please name everything – including socks!), a spare change of clothes (names and inside PE Kit), Wellies & a coat.

Daily Timetable and Important Dates

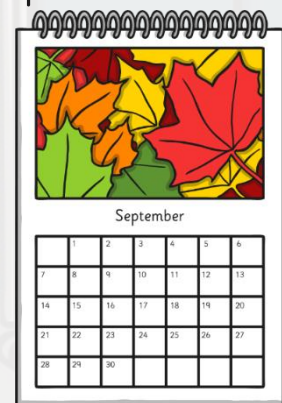
Daily Timetable: At 9am we begin the day with Read, Write, Inc. (St Catherine's phonics programme) for a half an hour session. We have daily literacy and numeracy inputs as well as our continuous provision (learning through play).

We have daily whole school worship, which is done in a variety of ways such as singing assembly, open the book & celebration assembly.

Important Dates: Important dates and events are included in our regular newsletters and can also be found on our school website. Some important dates this term include:

Autumn half term begins Monday 23rd – Sunday 29th October

Christmas holidays: Wednesday 20th December 2017.



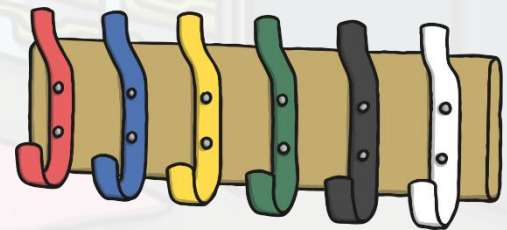
Trays and Pegs / Objects from Home

Trays and Pegs: Your child can put their coats & PE kits on the pegs outside the classroom (they have already found these!).

Home packed lunches also go outside our classroom on the lunch trolley.

Water bottles are inside the classroom in the blue trays.

Objects from home: If your child wishes to bring in a toy or object from home, please ensure that it is named. If it is especially valuable or breakable please speak to a member of staff before leaving it in the setting. We will ask children to keep these items in their book bags.



Clothing

Clothing: All children at St Catherine's C of E Primary wear a school uniform. This consists of: a white shirt / polo top, a jade sweatshirt / cardigan (with a school logo), grey or black school skirt or trousers & black school shoes.

Logoed uniform (including book bags, school caps and house coloured PE tops) is available from our online shop: www.mapac.com – free delivery if sent to the school for collection.

P.E. Kits: Children will also require clothes and shoes to be worn during Physical Education lessons and activities. Your child will need: a white T-shirt (when your child is given a house team they may wear their house colour t-shirt), black shorts, white socks, trainers / plimsolls.

Please ensure that all clothing that your child wears or brings into school, is **clearly named**.



Food and Drink

Lunch: At lunchtime your child can have a home packed lunch prepared at home and brought into school, or a school dinner. Lunchtime is between 11:45 – 12:45, when the children can eat lunch and then play with their friends/ year 2 buddy. All early years and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal each day. There will be a selection of different meals available each day for your child to choose from (including a vegetarian option, jacket potato or a school packed lunch). Please let us know if your child has any other dietary restrictions or requirements.

Home packed lunches should support our school's healthy eating policy. Please note that our school is a 'nut free' zone which means that all types of nuts are banned. Also note that fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed in school lunches.

Please give **your child's weekly lunch choices in on a Monday**. If we do not receive a slip we will put your child down as a main meal for the week.

Snacks: Children will receive a free piece of fruit at snack time.

Drinks: Water is available throughout the day, including lunchtimes. Children can also bring a drink of water to school to leave in the classroom – remembering that no fizzy drinks are allowed.



Health

Health: Staff need to be aware of your child's medical background, in particular any allergies (e.g. bee stings, dairy food), any dietary restrictions (e.g. vegetarian or Halal) and any medical conditions that are important for us to know (e.g. asthma or eczema). Please fill in the health / medical form in the parents pack for your child's records.

Children can suddenly become ill and therefore it is important that we know we can contact you or another adult relative / friend at all times. Please ensure that the school is kept up to date with your contact details. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the school office to let us know before 8:40am.

Medicines: If your child needs any medicine please leave it at the main office and fill in a medicine form. Please also inform the class teacher of the time your child needs to take their medicine.



Early Years Curriculum

Activities in reception are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences. Individual learning journeys are kept by staff to record the activities your child participates in and undertakes, as well as their progress in specific skills.

Planning for each week is carried out using a topic-based approach, following the children's interests and responding to specific events.

There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which activities are planned around:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- **Physical Development**
- **Communication and Language**
- **Literacy**
- **Mathematics**
- **Understanding the World**
- **Expressive Arts and Design**

Throughout the EYFS, children will be working towards the Early Learning Goals. These describe the level of attainment expected at the end of your child's Reception year in school.

Learning Journeys / Journals and Reports

Throughout the year, staff will record your child's learning in a folder called a Learning Journey. This will form a unique record of your child's learning and development. It will contain samples of work, photographs and staff observations. These folders enable staff to track your child's progress and attainment, and also plan future activities.

We record our observations of your child's learning and development on a software programme called '2Simple'. At the end of each half term & term we will email these observations to the email you will have provided (including photos and any videos).

Reports: At the end of the academic year we will send out you child's report (in the summer term).

Parent meetings: The initial parents meeting is in November (date TBC), and another will be in the spring terms to talk about children's progress.

If you need to make an appointment to see the class teacher, at any point in the academic year, please make an appointment through the main office or the class teacher.



Home Learning

We understand and value the support you provide for your child at home. Early years staff would love to hear about what you and your child have been doing at home. We encourage you to share your child's learning, achievements and experiences with staff, as this helps us to build a more complete picture of your child.

Homework – We ask for you to read with your child every night; with a mixture of school and home books.

At half terms / end of terms we send home scrapbooks which your child can use to record what they have done in their time at home! Last year we had lots of drawings, photos & writing.



We hope that this presentation is useful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

We aim to ensure that your children's experience at St Catherine's is a happy and rewarding one. We look forward to working with both you and your children in September.



