

Welcome to Reception

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Reception Class at Edward the Elder Primary School. We hope everyone has enjoyed their first full day with us and managed to settle in quickly and happily.

We would also like to provide you with some important information to help you to support your child's learning and ensure that they are organised and comfortable with their new routines.

Weekly Routines:

Monday:

- Show and Tell

(Your child will be asked to bring something from home every week to share with the other children in their group. There will be a weekly theme which will be shared with you in the form of a note home).

Tuesday:

- Library Day

(Each child will be encouraged to choose a library book on Tuesdays. This book may be kept at home for the week and returned the following Tuesday in order for a new one to be chosen. Please take care of these as a small charge will be made for any lost or damaged books).

- Weekly singing/music activities with pianist.
- Physical activities with Commando Joe.

Friday:

- Weekly Merit Assembly 9.10am

(All parents are welcome to attend and will be notified by letter or text if their child will be receiving an award).

- P.E./Sports+ Activities

(A clearly labelled P.E. kit should remain in school every day. This will be returned home at regular intervals in order to be washed).

What do I need to bring to school?

- P.E. Kit (All labelled with names and in a small bag)
- Wellington boots (Labelled with name and in a small bag. To remain in school every day).
- Reading book, words and reading diary (All children will be given a reading book and words at some point during this half term. It is important to share these at home and bring them to school every day)

- Water bottle (Labelled clearly with name and filled daily with water/flavoured water only please).
- Packed lunch/drink if not having school lunches.

School Routines

- Reception pupils will share their time between the Reception classroom base and also spend one hour during the morning and afternoon accessing Nursery classroom and Early Years outdoor area.
- Their day will consist of class teaching for both Literacy and Maths, including phonics, when the children will be ability grouped and use other teaching areas within school.
- They will also have opportunities to access planned child-initiated tasks of their own choice, for example role play, exploration, construction and outdoor activities.
- Lunchtime will take place between 12.00 and 1.00 in the school dining hall. During this time all children will have use of the large school playground.
- School gates open: 8.45am. End of school: 3.15pm.

Staff in Early Years

Mrs Evans - Reception Class Teacher/Early Years Co-ordinator
 Mrs Frisby - Nursery Class Teacher
 Mrs Hunt - Nursery Nurse
 Mrs Harris - Nursery Nurse
 Mrs Carter/Mrs Karakas - Teaching Assistant

*Information regarding this terms theme and 'Sharing Together Journals' will be provided in our first newsletter next week.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information and we hope that it will be of use to you. If you have any questions at all please feel free to come and speak to a member of staff.

K.Evans