#### **Checklist for Parents and Carers**

- All children need to have a pair of wellies in school for Forest School and outdoor play. Their wellies will stay on the trolley every day so they have them whenever they are needed. If you haven't already, please provide a pair as soon as possible.
- Children need to bring their **reading folder** to school on their reading day.
- Children should bring in their own named water **bottle** each day.
- The children will start PE sessions in their kit next week. Please send their **PE kit** in a bag which we will keep on their peg. Our **PE day is Thursday**.

#### **Class Dojo**

All parents have access to daily class story updates and their child's online portfolio. We will update this regularly with photographs, videos and information of your child's learning and progress. You can also message staff through Dojo if needed.

If you do not have access to Dojo yet please speak to a member of the teaching team.

# Reception Newsletter

Autumn term 2020



# **Dates for your Diary**

School term dates: 8.9.20 – 23.10.20 and 2.11.20 – 18.12.20 Half term holiday: 26.10.20 –1.11.20 Parents' Evening - TBC

### **Reception Team**

Early Years Phase Leader: Mrs Rutter

Reception Teacher (Class 1): Mrs Blashford Reception Teacher (Class 2): Mrs Rutter

Support Staff: Mrs Hussain, Mrs Kaur, Mrs Seaton, Mrs Lowes

## **Organisation**

- Children must be accompanied to the Reception side gate.
- In the morning, the gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.55am. Children must be in school by 8.55am.
- We have lunch together in the hall at 11.30am followed by an outdoor break until 12.55pm. The children are able to see the choices before they select their own main meal and pudding each day.
- Hometime is 3.15pm. Children must be collected by an adult who is named on their collection list.
- Children have a healthy snack and are also offered milk every day.

## <u>Uniform</u>

Children must wear the correct school uniform every day including school jumper, white polo shirt, grey trousers or skirt and black shoes.

A red PE t-shirt can be bought from the school office. A free PE bag is given with your first purchase. Red for Mrs Rutter's class, blue for Mrs Blashford's class.

In reception we go outside every day, despite the weather, to play, learn and explore. Please make sure your child has a warm coat. In winter they will also need a hat, scarf and a pair of gloves with them every day.

All items MUST be clearly labelled with their name.

## Our Curriculum

Our key question this term is **'How are you feeling today?'** We will be exploring our feelings, what makes us and others happy or sad and how we show our happy or sad feelings? We will explore our topic through story, circle time, role play, art and craft both inside and outside during Forest School. We will also be reading and performing traditional tales and writing up some of our own.

Children have English and Phonics sessions in the morning and Mathematics in the afternoon. We also have child led activities throughout the day where children have the opportunity to explore other areas of the curriculum and reinforce their learning through play.

## <u>Homework</u>

Your child will bring home a reading book each week which will be changed on their reading day. Please take time every day to share the story, read it together and talk about what is happening. Please write a comment in the reading record book or sign to show that you have shared it together.

From next week your child will also bring home the phonic sounds we have been learning in class to practise. They have be given a writing pencil, a laminated alphabet and number board and dry wipe pen. This is to help your child practise their letter and number formation with you at home.