***Reception Class Letter***



***Summer Term 2019!***

Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope that you and all had a lovely Easter break in the sunshine and are ready for a jam-packed Summer Term! Our school has two main topics this term. These are ‘Wonderful Me’ and ‘Splash: Water!’. In reception, we will start the term learning about looking after ourselves, exercising and eating healthy. Then after half term we will dive into our water studies, with lots of talk about sea creatures, pirates and mermaids! Check out our class page on the school website for more details.

**Reading**

In phonics, we are now consolidating our learning and moving on to phase 4. You will have received a note in your diary regarding which sounds your child needs to practice spotting and reading at home. You will also receive a list of the phase 4 sounds we will be learning alongside a list of common high frequency words your child is learning to read on sight.

**The expectation continues to be that you read with your child at least 5 times a week and make a note of this in the contact diary.** If you would like any support or advice, please don’t hesitate to ask. It’s what we’re here for! Remember, practise little and often really is the key to success in learning to read but it is equally as important for you to read a range of fun, exciting new and family favourites to your child regularly to promote a love of reading.

**General reminders**

Full school uniform must be worn at all times, including black shoes. Long hair must be tied back and no hair products please. Also, children will be offered fresh fruit at break time but can bring in an additional healthy snack. Now that we’re beginning to experience some lovely hot days, please ensure that your child has a school water bottle every day along with sun cream (which we ask you to apply before school). I’d also like to remind you to bring a waterproof coat into school every day in case of unexpected showers. Please note that we have a full set of sunhats so no hats from home please.

**PE and Forest School**

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school on Tuesdays. PE kits should include: well-fitting trainers, a school hoodie, black shorts or tracksuit trousers, a spare white shirt and a clean pair of socks.  A plastic bag kept inside the PE bag is always useful too, for muddy trainers. Forest School will also continue so please ensure your child has wellies, full waterproofs & a change of clothes in a clearly named carrier bag each Friday.

**Voluntary Contribution**

A reminder that we ask for a voluntary contribution towards consumables of £5 per half term or £30 for the year. Thank you to all those who have already contributed.

If you have any further questions then please feel free to ask a teacher at the end of the school day, send us an email or pop a note in your child’s diary and leave it on our desk in the morning.

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Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team