



# St Anthony's News

"Let your words teach and your actions speak"

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## Reception Newsletter

We have been so impressed with how the Reception children have settled into a new year group with their new teachers, especially after an extended period at home. We are so glad to be back with the children and have loved hearing about all of the wonderful experiences they have had at home with their families over the last few months. Unfortunately, we are not able to hold the 'Meet the Teacher' parent meetings that we would usually arrange in the first week of the new school year. Please see below the key information for your child's year group.

### Reception Staff

Teachers	TAs
Mrs Matloob	Mrs Buchanan, Miss Curran
Mrs Lee	Miss Morais, Mrs Parry
Miss Caldwell	Miss Parkinson, Mr Summers

### Topics

Our first topic is All About Me. The children will have the opportunity to share interesting facts about themselves, their families and their homes. Please note, we will be using SeeSaw to share all their wonderful work and to notify you in advance of new topics.

### SeeSaw

Please note that SeeSaw will be used as a way of communicating with parents and an opportunity for you to engage in your children's learning. Parents can use SeeSaw to upload additional learning from home. Please note any contact with your class teacher should be done in person or alternatively contact the school office to leave a message.

**SeeSaw photos and observations of the children should not be shared on Social Media or any other platforms / devices. Please be mindful of parents that may not want their child's photograph circulating online.**

### Home Reading

We aim to start our phonics programme Read Write Inc this term. The children will learn to recognise and write initial sounds. Once the children have settled into their new routine we will begin to send home reading books for the children to practise at home. We have organised a new system for home reading books to ensure children are not taking books home that have just been used by another child. All books that children return to school will be placed in a basket which will then be stored away for 48 hours. Please ensure children are reading each night and you have signed their reading records. These should be in school every day and can be used as a means of communication between home and school. We aim for children to have a love of reading, please share stories every day and encourage the children to talk about what they have read.



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## **Uniform**

Please make sure your child is in their full school uniform each day. If you have not yet collected your child's free jumper and tie, please see the main school office.

A reminder that our school uniform consists of:

- Maroon jumper with school logo
- White shirt
- Maroon striped tie
- Grey skirt or pinafore/trousers
- Black school shoes

Please note that children need a coat in school as we spend a lot of our time in the outdoor environment. Please use the St Anthony's burgundy school bag that has been provided. We do not have the room for large bulky rucksacks.

## **PE/PE Kits**

Children in Reception do not need to have a separate kit for P.E. This part of the curriculum is covered during continuous provision.

## **General Reminders**

- Please make sure your child is only bringing the following items into school – book bag (including reading record and reading book), lunchbox and water bottle, please note no juice or cordial is allowed.
- The gates are now open from 8.30am until 9.00am at the start of the day, and 2.45pm until just after 3.00pm at the end of the day, to minimise crowding
- Please ensure there is only one adult collecting your child from the playground
- Please speak to your class teacher to inform them of any medical conditions that your child may have and ensure that they have the appropriate treatment/medication required e.g. inhalers for asthma.
- Please make sure that names are in your child's uniform and coats as several children come to school with the same coat/belongings.

## **Meeting with teachers**

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, you will need to wait until all of the other children have been collected at the end of the day. If you do not collect your child from school, please phone the main school office and ask for a phone call or meeting to be arranged. All queries or concerns need to go through the class teacher in the first instance.



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## Thank You

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you for following all of the new routines and guidance as we try to navigate our way through the current situation together. We have lots of exciting things planned for Reception this year however, we do have to be mindful that things may be different and will take some getting used to. Please ensure the office have your most recent contact details and you have access to the Connect Parent App so you are able to stay updated with any changes or upcoming events.

Kind regards,

The Reception Team.