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Reception Phase Newsletter January 2025

Welcome to the Spring term!

Welcome back after the festive break and we hope you are all feeling refreshed after enjoying some time at home with family. The team is once again looking forward to the coming half term. We have lots more exciting learning opportunities planned. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or suggestions.

What are we learning about?

This half term our topic is 'Super Me, Super You!' We will be looking at ourselves as developing humans, with new learning for our growing brains and bodies, as well as real life superheroes in our local community!

If you have a particularly 'super' job role and would like to share with the children, please let us know. The children will have the chance to create and nurture a baby super potato and will need to be on the lookout for the evil pea!

Learning time

From 8.30-8.50am every morning we have activities sets out that the children take part in. The closer to 8.30am you can drop off the better as this means your child will make full use of the additional learning time. Thank you for your support.

Please continue to label EVERYTHING!

We make every effort in school to care for your child's clothing. Children are encouraged to wear aprons and we will change children who get very wet or have an accident. Unfortunately, items of clothing do get forgotten, left on the playground or put on the wrong peg or book-bag.

Please help us to help your child. If all clothing and personal items such as bags, water bottles and shoes are labelled we have a very good success rate of reuniting them with their owners.

Sadly, items that are not named have in the past proved very difficult or impossible to track down. Labels may also fade/fall out so please do check them regularly.

Spare clothes for accidents

We are sensitive to the fact that children have toilet accidents or play related wet accidents from time to time. ALL children require a change of clothes, a spare set of underwear and socks in their bag, which can stay on their peg, so we can change them into their own clothes if necessary.

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Illness

Please phone to let our attendance team know if your child will not be in school due to illness. The team is also happy to answer your questions and confirm how long your child should be kept at home to prevent infection spreading to other children and staff. Here is to a healthy half term for us all.

Outdoor clothing

We use the outside learning environment daily (whatever the weather!) Please can you ensure that your child comes to school suitably dressed. Your child needs sensible shoes and a coat daily. Even if the weather looks fine at 8.30am in the morning, it does change so quickly, and children are outside not only for learning but also at lunch times whenever possible.

Until the winter weather ends, please continue to supply NAMED gloves, hat, scarf, and if you want to, wellingtons. (Children will also need their school shoes to change into if wearing wellingtons to school).

PE

In Reception our PE day is TUESDAY. We are now regularly participating in PE lessons in the hall and the children NEED TO COME INTO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KITS.

The children will need an AVA PE top, jogging bottoms, velcro fastened trainers (NO LACES) and a hoodie/ fleece. Thank you. <https://plschoolorwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury/ava-primary-school>

Bookbags

Please can we ensure that all children bring a book bag and NOT a backpack. We do not have the room for these in the learning environment. Book bags fit in the children's drawers, the pegs can only fit coats. Many thanks for your support with this

Staying safe

Please could we remind parents to remain vigilant when coming to drop off and collect children.

Please speak with your child about the busy road outside school and for safety reasons we ask parents not to allow children to play unsupervised on the school grounds, especially the **car park** during drop off or pick up.

Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who continues to read regularly with your child. The folders need to be in school daily alongside the yellow reading record book. We are looking forward to seeing how you get on with your Christmas reading challenge sheet and which books you have shared at home during the holidays.

Water bottles

We encourage children to bring in a water bottle to have in the classroom. These should be named and should just contain water not juice/ squash.

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NO Nuts or Sesame

Please be aware that we are a nut free school. This means NO NUTS, SESAME OR NUT/SESAME PRODUCTS should be brought into school. We have staff and children in the school who will need hospital attention if they come into contact with nuts, sesame or nut/sesame products such as peanut butter, chocolate spread, hummus etc. We really appreciate your help in keeping everybody safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the school office and these will be forwarded to the class teacher or myself.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and happy new year to you all,

Mrs Clark, Mrs Smith, Mrs Zucchi and the Reception Team

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