

February 2024

Dear families,

Term 4 Information for Reception

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a restful half-term. Please see below for important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- **P.E.** will continue to be on **Thursday**. Please send children to school dressed in their PE kit. Polite reminder that uniform is black trainers only.
- **Forest school:** We will continue to have forest school on a **Monday** in the morning.
- **Reading:** We will change children's reading books **every week on a Friday**. Children should bring their reading book and reading record into school every day. Children will bring home one phonetically decodable book appropriate for their reading level which they will be able to decode and read independently, and one 'sharing' book to share with the family. Children will not be expected to read the sharing book independently. The purpose is to expose children to a variety of stories, vocabulary, and knowledge. Please record any reading your child does at home in their reading record, as these will be checked by class teachers on a weekly basis. If you have any questions about reading with your child, please speak to a member of the team. Children are expected to read x4 a week with an adult at home to support their progress.
- **Bedtime Bear:** After a short holiday the Bedtime Bears are back and looking forward to coming to stay. Each week two children from each class will be chosen to take home the Bedtime Bear. The Bedtime Bear Bag will include: Cuddly bear, hot chocolate sachets and stories to share as family at bedtime. This is to encourage a love of reading and sharing as a family. When your child brings it home please send it back to school on the following Monday.
- **Books and Biscuits:** On **Tuesdays and Thursdays** we invite you to come and read with your child and have a biscuit! After the children have been dismissed, you are invited to come back into the classroom to read your child's home reading book. This is especially helpful for reluctant readers and if you struggle to find time fitting it in. This has been successful last year and is continued in Year 1 and 2. Just come back on into the classroom to read with your child and we'll provide the biscuits.
- **Garden Room** – Thank you for your continued support in building your child's independence coming into school by saying goodbye in the playground. It has made such a difference to their confidence and congestion in the mornings.
- **Welly Walks:** These are the dates this term for our walks:
 - Friday 1 March -
 - Friday 15 March

Thank you for your continued support in coming along to these walks. Please let us know if you can help on any of these dates.



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- **Uniform** – Please continue to ensure all uniform, packed lunches, drink bottles, etc. is labelled clearly.
- **Spare clothes** – If anyone has any spare underwear or clothes, they would like to donate for the reception classes to use, then we would be very grateful. Thank you to those who have donated underwear and socks last term.
- **Open Doors:** We will be welcoming you to come and look at your child’s learning in the classroom with your child from 8.25 on Friday 1 March. We will not be having a parents phonics session this term.
- **Pick up arrangements:** Please continue to inform and introduce your child’s class teacher to adults who regularly pick your child up from school.

Important dates:

Date	Event
Monday 19 February	First Day of Term 4
Friday 1 March	Open Door Day 08.25am-08.50am
Friday 1 March	YR – Welly Walk 1
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Friday 15 March	YR – Welly Walk 2
Monday 18 March – Friday 22 March	Travelling Book Fair
Thursday 21 March	Parents/ Carers Evening 15:30-19:00
Tuesday 26 March	Parents/ Carers Evening 15:30-18:30
Thursday 28 March	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 15 April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 16 April	First Day of Term 5

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the reception team. Thank you for your continued support.

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