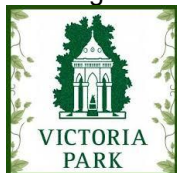




Trips & Celebrations

The first trip of the year for the EYFS will be to

Victoria Park to look at the environment and to experience **Autumn** through our senses.



Reception classes are planning to go on **Friday 29th September**.

Sun Nursery are planning to go on **Thursday 5th October**.

Weather permitting!

We welcome parent volunteers to accompany us. We will be leaving school at **9.30am** and returning in time for lunch at **11.30am**.

Timings

Drop off and pick up for Nursery and Reception is via the garden gate in **Vivian Road**. The gate will be open from **8.45am** in the morning and closes at **9am**. The school day ends at **3.15pm** for **Nursery** children and **3.25pm** for **Reception** children. We have one Nursery Class (**Sun**) and two Reception Classes (**Kestrels & Kingfishers**) It would help us if **Nursery** and **Kestrel** parents would line up along the wall, and **Kingfisher** parents along the barrier at the end of the day.
Thank you for your co-operation!

EYFS Meet the Teacher

Once we have settled your children you will have opportunities to 'Meet the Teacher'. For **Reception** parents that will be from **9am** next **Friday 22nd September** and for Nursery parents **Friday 29th September**.

EYFS Lunches

Lunches for Nursery children cost **£12.50** a week and must be paid for in advance at the school office or by parentpay. **If you think your child might be entitled to free school meals please let the office know.** If your child brings a packed lunch please ensure that there are **no nuts or nut products** (e.g peanut butter or Nutella) as we are a nut-free school due to children with severe allergies.

Half Term Holiday

The half-term holiday will be from **Monday 23rd -Friday 27th October**.



All the children have now joined the Reception cohort. We have also admitted all our full time Nursery places and we are beginning to admit our part time Nursery children. By the end of September we will have filled all our places in the EYFS.

This week Reception classes have joined the whole school in focusing on the book **"In Our Hands" by Lucy Farfort**. They have made some 'handprint' artwork which will be displayed on the school staircase. They have established their class guidelines for oracy. They have also begun their phonics learning programme with the letters and sounds **s, a, t & p**.

In Nursery we have met some new members of Sun Class. We have been playing games to learn our names. We have also enjoyed playing ring games **'There was a princess long ago', 'Sandy girl' & 'The farmer's in his den'**.

Reception parents should have received information on 'All About Me' boxes this week. Let us know if you need another copy of the information. Please bring these into school as you complete them. This activity is a good way for us to learn more about your unique child.

Tracy (Sun), Jill (Kestrels) and April (Kingfishers) will be at the gate on alternate evenings so you can begin to get to know your child's teacher.

Please be aware that it is not possible for us to have an extended conversation whilst we are making sure that children are admitted or leave safely - especially in these early weeks of the term when we are getting to know our cohorts.

Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day. Please check their book bag daily for important letters or information. Initially we will be inviting your child to choose a book to take home and share with you every **Friday**.



How you can help

You can help by reading to and with your child every day.

How can I prepare my child to read?

Bikes & Scooters

We are able to accommodate bikes and scooters in the Early Years playground if your child chooses to scoot or cycle to school, provided you arrive before the gates close in the morning.

Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

Play with water, mud, paint and sand are essential experiences for children in the Early Years which have important developmental learning outcomes. We encourage this exploration, **but it can get messy!**

Therefore, please ensure that your child has a **spare set of clothes** in their changing bag at school in case they get wet or dirty. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag for you to return the next day.

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure it is named.

All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!

It will help us to help your child to learn to look after their property.
Friday is non-uniform day at Chisenhale Primary School!