



Heyhouses Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Week 2



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Welcome to the first of our weekly Newsletters which will keep you informed about life in the Reception department. Everyone will receive a paper copy for this week but from next week, the Newsletter will be e-mailed out to you via the PA Connect App, (which you will need to download) unless you have requested a paper copy. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to the Teaching Assistants at the door in the morning or the Class Teacher at the end of the school day. Alternatively, you can phone the school office 01253 722014 or email enquiries@heyhouses.lancs.sch.uk with any enquiries. Please don't hesitate to ask if there is anything we can help with to ensure your school experience is a happy one.

Reception Classes Start time– 8.55am (gates open at 8.45am and closed at 9am)

Reception Class Home time – 3.25pm (gates closed at 3.35pm)

Outside of these times, please report to the main office.

Please phone if you know you are going to be late.

PLEASE NOTE in the interest of safety please do not allow your child to play with/on any playground equipment at drop off or pick up. Children need to walk with scooters or bikes when on school grounds.

[This week](#)

The children are settling well into their new classes, getting to know their teachers and making new friends. They are quickly adapting to their new routines and they are enjoying exploring their new environment. They have been learning to follow the classroom rules which include 'Kind hands, Careful feet and Nice words'. Our first topic is 'Marvellous Me'. Please also see our Autumn Term Curriculum map on the school website for more information on the things we will be learning this Term.

Phonics

Keep an eye out next week for a video on Evidence Me from Mrs Wynne explaining all about how we teach Phonics and about how the home reading system works. Home reading books will start being sent out next Friday (18th September). Please take time to look at our school website under Reception; **'Supporting your child with reading'** section. Thank you for your continued support.

Important dates

The Gazette Newspaper will be in school Wednesday 23rd September to take photos of The Reception Classes to be included in their New School Starters Feature.

Look out for a letter with a date you will be invited into school for a 'stay and play' session. Please fill in the dates you are available to come and we will send you it back with the date you are invited to attend.



Reminders

Your child will need the following every day...

- A warm coat and a jumper or cardigan.
- A water bottle (no juice).
- A snack (Please note that due to the risk to allergy sufferers, we are a nut-free school). We are also a healthy school so no chocolate, crisps or sweets please. We also ask for you to cut up any grapes. Please name any containers you wish to be returned to you.
- A school reading bag containing a change of pants/socks in case of accidents. (School reading bags are preferable to rucksacks due to the limited space we have to store them.)
- A pair of named wellies to be kept at school.

Please ensure all of the above are CLEARLY named

On Fridays (from Friday 18th September) the Reception children should come to school in their P.E. Kits. On these days, they will take part in outdoor 'Wild At Heart' sessions or P.E. lessons.

If you would like your child to have milk each day, please ensure you have registered via the 'Cool Milk' Website.

Other Important Information

You should now have all set up an account with the **PA Connect App**. If you haven't set up this app you will miss out on all school communication, such as this weekly Reception newsletter and other important information from school concerning your child. Please go to the school office if you are struggling to set this up.

You will also be receiving a paper letter about 'Parent Pay' in the next few weeks. Please make sure you **activate your parent pay account straight away** as the login details for this are time limited. This is used for various different things in school, such as paying for school trips.

You should all now be set up on **Evidence me** and have received some photos of your child's first day at school. Please let us know if you cannot access this for any reason as this is where you will receive photo updates on what your child is getting up to in school each week.

