



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 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.

From next week 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 for more information on the things we will be learning this Term.

Phonics

Following on from Mrs Wynne's talk on Phonics, please follow the links below for advice on home reading and how to pronounce Pure Sounds:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-at-home/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

If you couldn't make this talk and would like a copy of the handout please ask on the door.

Important dates

The Gazette Newspaper will be in school Tuesday 30th 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.

Harvest Festival in Church
Thursday 2nd October.



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 Thursdays and Fridays 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 received an invite through text message to set up an account with the **PA Connect App**. Please make sure you have downloaded the app before hand. A text message will soon go out through PA Connect about Flu vaccinations. If you haven't set up this app you will miss out on this communication and other important information from school concerning your child.

You will also be receiving a paper letter about 'Parent Pay' on Monday 15th September. 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 as we are cashless. If this isn't set up now you may miss out on things like the Christmas disco tickets which are given on a first come first serve basis due to fire regulations.

You should also now have received an email from **Evidence me**. Please see the letter sent out earlier this week for more information about this. 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.

