

Welcome to Reception



Hello and Welcome to Shelley First School! We are very excited to get to know your children and begin our journey in school together. We have put together some information that we hope you will find useful. Any questions, please feel free to catch us at drop off or pick up.

Staffing in Reception

Mrs Donaghy

Mrs McLeod – Monday & Tuesday

Mrs Boyd – Wednesday & Thursday

Miss Laws – Friday

Timings

Doors will open at 08:45am and the children will be welcomed into school. The children will be registered and will choose their lunch. Our day ends at 15:30pm.

Phonics

Every day we teach a phonics session, which begins at 9:00am. It is really important that when children begin to bring home reading books and diaries (this will be around Christmas time) that they are returned to school every day as they will be required during phonics for the children's daily reading activities. Please help us by writing in your child's diary whenever they have read at home. The book bag book (usually the shiny one) will NOT have been read in school so this is the one to focus on at home, although it would be useful to read the other one too!

Snack Time

The children have a morning story time and it is during this time that they are encouraged to eat a healthy snack and have milk. A piece of fruit or vegetable will be provided for your child by school, there is usually a choice of at least 2 types of fruit/vegetable. If you would like to provide a piece of fruit/small healthy snack to be eaten during our afternoon session that is fine.

Milk and Water

During Story time the children who have milk will have the opportunity to drink their milk. Children are given milk for free until they turn 5. Once your child has had their 5th birthday, you will need to order and pay for milk: please see the office staff if you require any further information on this. Children who do not have milk are encouraged to have a drink of water during story time from their water bottle. Water bottles should be brought into school every day please. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the day.

PE

Our PE sessions are on a Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. PE kits should remain in school for the whole of the half term please. We will get outside whenever possible so please ensure that both an indoor and an outdoor kit is provided, including trainers. We encourage independence in reception but of course do help where needed, so it not uncommon for a child to go home with their jumper back to front on the odd occasion!

Forest School

We alternate between P.E and Forest School on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has wellies available to wear. These can be kept in school and stored on our shelves or brought in weekly. Children should always bring a waterproof coat as we will be going out in all weather!

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday. This will include a phonics activity, a maths activity, the maths activity will be related to the work we have covered that week in school. We will send home a love of reading library book which you can read and share with your child/ren and children will have the opportunity to change this book every Friday. Children will bring a reading book for them to read to you around Christmas time but dependant on when they are ready for this. Please bring homework files back into school the following Wednesday.