



Reception Newsletter Autumn 2021

Welcome to Reception! The children are enjoying meeting friends (old and new) and exploring their new environment. They are adapting to the new routines and we're looking forward to an exciting year of learning.

Meet the Reception Team:

St Luke's: Mrs le Roux will be teaching in St Luke's on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Mrs Walton will teach St Luke's on a Wednesday and Friday. They will be supported by Mrs Upton, Mrs Menteshashvili and Miss Begum.

St Helen's: Mrs Whittet will be teaching in St Helen's. Mrs Whittet will be supported by Mrs Said, Mrs Mitul and Mrs Doyle.

Uniform

Please ensure that Reception pupils are wearing the correct school uniform which is clearly labelled with their name. There may be times when children may pick up uniform / bags belonging to another child. Should your child bring any uniform /bags home that do not belong to them, please return these items to school the next day.

As learning indoors as well as outdoors forms an integral part of the Early Years curriculum, it is important that children have a waterproof coat with them each day as the weather is changeable.

Children should have a red school bag as indicated on the uniform list. Please refrain from adding a variety of key rings to the bags. Although these may help the child to identify their bag, they can be a distraction and can make the bags too bulky to fit into the storage areas used in class.



Subject Information

RE: Family - Myself
Belonging - Welcome
Loving- Birthdays

Phonics: We follow the 'Read, Write Inc.' phonics scheme. More information about our approach to teaching phonics will follow in the next few weeks.

Communication and Language & Topic work: Language and Communication skills, as well as the children's understanding of the natural world, the past, present, different cultures and communities are developed through our 'Topic' work. Each week, we will focus on a new learning question. Stories and discussions will focus on this learning question. Some of the learning questions and topic themes that we will explore in the autumn term include:

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- All about me
- Celebrations
- Special things
- Autumn
- Christmas

PE:

Both St Luke's and St Helen's will have P.E on a Tuesday. P.E sessions will begin this week. Children should come to school in their P.E kit and trainers on a Tuesday and should wear their coloured P.E sports house shirt. (Each child's sports house was indicated on the letter about their class that was sent out in June). The children will wear their P.E kit instead of their usual school uniform on P.E days. Children should still bring their school bags and a waterproof coat to school on this day.



Water bottles:

Children are encouraged to have a refillable water bottle with them each day to remain hydrated throughout the day (no single-use plastic bottles, please). Please ensure that the child's name is clearly visible.

Medical and SEND information

Please complete and return the information sheets that have been sent home as soon as possible. Specific medication (such as Epipens & asthma pumps) should be sent to school with the appropriate forms. Any SEND information should be emailed to the School Office and should be addressed to Mrs Butler (for pupils in EYFS).

Important dates

18th - 20th October: Parent's Consultation sessions (more information to follow).

Thank you for your support. We look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!