

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St Saviour's C of E Academy. We hope you have enjoyed your break over the summer holidays. Miss Graham and myself are so proud of how well the children have settled into Reception and we are looking forward to watching the children grow and achieve throughout the year.



Daily Timings

Reception: Start time - 8.55

Chatter Natter- 10.15-10.30 (Snack time)

Dinner time - 11.45-1.00pm

Pick up - 3.20 pm

Talking to the Teacher

At this time, face to face discussions are not possible due to COVID-19.

If you do have any questions or you would like to discuss something with myself, please ring the school office to leave a message or make an appointment to talk to myself on the telephone.

Reception - P.E.

Our PE day this term is **Wednesday**.

Weather permitting - we will go outside for PE as much as possible in this first term, so please come with suitable clothing.

The children will need to wear the following items:

- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- A red t-shirt
- Black pumps/Trainers if outside
- A zip up tracksuit top or hoody

Earrings will need to be removed on P.E. days as staff are not allowed to remove a child's piercing.



Labelling each item of clothing will help if any pieces of kit get lost during changing time.

Inexpensive Trainers – we might get muddy!

Reading

All of the children have been given a lilac banded individual reading book. The colour banded books will be carefully tailored to your child's reading ability as we progress through our Phonics sounds. Our lilac reading books are designed to develop their confidence to discuss characters, settings and the storyline.



Please ensure that you are reading at home with your child, both the banded books and story books. This will build their vocabulary and support their reading skills.

Water Bottles

Children have access to their water bottles at all times of the day. Please ensure the water bottle is filled only with water.



Please write your child's name clearly on the water bottle.



Snack will be provided daily for the children.



A few things we would like you to know about ...

Outdoor learning is a huge part of each day in Reception, especially with our fantastic new outdoor area. Please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the weather and has a pair of wellies in school.

Please ensure your child has spare clothes, socks and underwear in a bag. These can be kept in school full time in case there are any accidents.

Your child will need their named book bag, their reading record and spare clothes with them in school everyday..



Homework

The children will be given a Phonics homework sheet each Friday. This is for the children to consolidate the sounds that they have learned in the week. These do not need to be returned to school.

English

One of our Topics for this half term will be focussing on 'All About Me'. Your child will be learning all about themselves, their friends and learning to share their experiences with others. We will later be focussing on the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will be learning a variety of Literacy skills such as: orally retelling the story, drawing our own pictures of characters/new characters and writing labels. We will have lots of opportunities to look at other traditional tales.

There will also be a large focus on name writing at the beginning of the year. We would greatly appreciate if this was practised at home as well.

Maths

This half term this children will be learning a mastery approach to mathematics. The children will learn new maths songs, counting games and activities. We will be focussing on learning all about numbers 1-5, comparing quantities and looking at addition and subtraction.



Phonics

The children will be consolidating Phase 1 Phonics. This includes practising rhyme and alliteration through lots of matching games and activities. We will then focus largely on Phase 2, learning new sounds, blending to read and segmenting to write. The children use sound buttons to support them to read words and Choppy the Robot to help them to hear the sounds to write the words.

