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Reception (EYFS) Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

A very warm welcome to our new children and families. The Reception team have been very impressed with how the children have settled on their first few days of school. They are learning new routines and are happy spending time getting to know new friends and the adults who support them. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know them, learning about their characters and interests. The children have enjoyed their time in school and have already shown us how keen they are to learn. We look forward to watching their love of learning grow as the year progresses.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their school uniform. **Please NAME all key items of clothing, water bottles and lunch boxes.** This helps to ensure clothing is returned to the right person. To avoid confusion, if a jumper or cardigan is not named, we will write your child's initials on the label. At the end of the school day please check to ensure your child has the correct jumper or cardigan as these are easily mixed up by the children. Hair slides, hairbands etc must be green, black or white and earrings worn must be small studs. Please ensure that long hair is tied up every day.

To support learning, children are encouraged to explore and experiment and there are many opportunities throughout the school day where they can engage in sensory activities. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, waterproofs and wellies, clothes may get a little messy through their play. If your child's uniform gets a little messy, ask them what they have been doing as it is likely a sign they have been busy and engaged in some exciting learning!

Please bring in named waterproofs and wellies which will stay at school for the duration of the year so that we can take part in outdoor learning and explore the outdoors provision whatever the weather. Waterproofs and wellies can be taken home during holidays.

PE Kits

The children have the opportunity to develop gross motor skills daily and will be doing indoor PE on a **Monday** each week. **Your child needs to come into school wearing their PE kit.** They must wear plain black tracksuit bottoms, shorts or cycling shorts, a Wessex PE top and a long-sleeved Wessex PE top for extra warmth in the winter. On PE days, all children with pierced ears will need their earrings removed or covered for health and safety reasons.

Book Bags

Book bags are used for sending home letters, reading books, library books and reading records. Please ensure book bags come to school **every day**, which we will then send home at the end of each day.

A reminder that children are only allowed to bring in book bags with **one** keyring and not a rucksack or backpack.

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Water Bottles and snack

Please could you ensure your child has a **named plastic water bottle with a flip lid** in school every day (can be separate to their lunch drink), as the children are encouraged to drink water during the day. They will also have access to a healthy fruit snack and milk in class. If your child is bringing in a healthy snack from home, please can we ask that you put it in a named, small plastic container. Please ensure snacks are fruit or vegetables only (not fruit bars) and **grapes are cut lengthways in half**.

Toileting Support

The children are trying very hard to independently use the toilet when needed and are listening well to instructions from adults if they need any support. Please can we ask for you to continue to support your child at home to develop their independence when using the toilet including flushing the toilet and thorough hand washing when they have finished. If your child is prone to accidents, please provide a change of uniform in a named bag to keep at school.

First Aid

If your child is treated by a first aider you will receive a green slip of paper, which will be in their book bag for any minor incidences. If the incident is more serious, we will hand you the green slip at home time with the relevant information or contact you immediately if deemed necessary.

Curriculum Information presentation

We hope you are able to join us for our curriculum meeting on Friday 11th September 8:55 – 9:55 in which we will outline the key themes and areas of the Early Years curriculum. As the year progresses, we will share information about specific areas of the curriculum and how you can support your child at home. There will also be opportunities for you to join us at school and see your child's learning in action. Dates will be shared over the next few weeks.

Developing a positive home school relationship is hugely important and benefits the children greatly, so we are looking forward to working together with you all.

If you have any queries, please email the office or ask a member of the team.

Many thanks,

Mrs Corbett