

Dear Families,

**Welcome to Reception!** We are so pleased with all of the children and how well they have settled in, especially as this is a long week and such a big change for them! They have been amazing and thank you all for your help in the mornings settling them in!

**Morning work:** The class doors open at 8.30am. Each morning the children will be set activities to complete, which you are then welcome to stay and help with. At 8.45am the school day will begin and the register will be taken.

**End of school:** school ends at 3.05pm. The class teacher will dismiss the children once they are able to see you on the playground. Please bear with us while we get to know you all. If someone other than a parent is to collect your child, please let the class teacher know at the beginning of the day. If you need to speak with the class teacher about the child day or any misplaced items, please wait until all children have been dismissed and we will do our best to help you.

This book is your "Home Learning Journey". It will be sent home on Friday and collected in on Thursday to change reading books and stick in letters. In Reception we learn mostly through play and build up our phonics and maths steadily through the year. As a part of our learning, we aim to involve you as parents/carers as much as we can. We really enjoy hearing about all aspects of your child's learning in your Home Learning Journey. If you wish to stick photos and provide us with your own observations of what your child is doing at home, we love to see them.

To help your child, we send home a **weekly letter** which gives you advice on what we have been learning about in school that week. This week we have been focusing on getting to know each other and making friends.

In this book we will also give children a **weekly activity which is completely optional**. We like to set fun tasks that you can do together at home that build on their learning in school. This week we would like you to decorate the front of this book! Have fun colouring, drawing or sticking on photos to make it special.

Well done if you have named your child's clothes, bags and lunch boxes! If you have not managed to do this yet it would be brilliant if you could as it really helps to keep track of everything.

Thank you again for a wonderful week and please do come and talk to any member of our team if you have any worries or concerns.

Many thanks,

The Reception Team

Diary Dates

Thur, 11<sup>th</sup> October - Friends of Orchard Vale - School Disco (more details to come)

Thur, 18<sup>th</sup> October - School photos (more details to come)

Fri, 19<sup>th</sup> October - Non Pupil Day

Mon, 22<sup>nd</sup> to Fri, 26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term