



Ruby Class newsletter

Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Reception and welcome to Clanfield School! I hope you've all had a lovely, fun filled and enjoyable summer. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children.

This newsletter is to inform you about routines and expectations in Reception.

The key members of staff are Ms Harley (Teacher) Mrs Newell (Teaching assistant- Weds only) and Mrs Hill (Teaching assistant).

Our classroom is based at the far end of the playground. The children will have access every day to inside and outside the classroom, once the children are familiar with the class rules and expectations and how each area is used.

#### Arriving at School and home time

Ruby class will arrive at 8.45am and will be collected at 3.00pm. From 13<sup>th</sup> September, please wait at the school brown gate and a member of staff will wait in the front yard to collect them in the morning and walk the children to you at the end of the day. Late arrivals will need to phone the main School office and an adult will come out to guide your child into School.

#### Tapestry

We will be setting up Tapestry soon and will send out permission forms soon. This is a record of your child's online learning journey and a way for you to see what is happening in school. We would love to see all the wonderful things you are also doing at home so please upload any activities.

Wow slips – will be sent home for you to fill in and for your child to bring into school and share something they have achieved or are proud of i.e., can now ride their bike without stabilizers, swim a width etc. perhaps work on goals they can't do yet but with practice and perseverance will one day be able to. Perhaps one goal a term? We can celebrate with them add their wow slips to our wow wall in class.

#### PE

Our PE day will be Thursday and the children are allowed to attend school wearing their PE kit on this day, however the children will have access to physical activities throughout the day.

### Topic

Our topic this half term is ‘This is me’. Each week we will be focusing on a different aspect of ourselves. Our families, hobbies, pets, our similarities and differences. We will have stories everyday where we will be focusing on Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Retrieval and Sequencing. We also explore Autumn and harvest this term.

### Reading

Please read as much as you can with your child. Every day if possible.

When your child starts reading they will receive three books each week (a phonics appropriate book, and rich text for you to share with them and a reading book they can easily read) these will be given out on a Friday and will need to be returned each week to be changed. Mrs Hill and I will choose the books each week. We will be giving out reading record diaries. Please sign and add your comments so we are working together to help your child in this area of learning.

### Food and drink

Fruit is provided for your children for snack, but please could you provide your child with a named water bottle, **please no juice.**

### Useful websites to enhance the children’s learning

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games>

Please also keep checking the school website for any additional information.

We are looking forward to teaching your children and instilling a love of learning in our new class. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We hope it has helped to answer your questions. Should you have any further questions, please email us via the office and we will get back to you either directly or to arrange a meeting. Thank you for your support, we look forward to working together and getting to know you all over this term and new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Harley and the Ruby team