



Holly Class



Cherry Class

Autumn Term Parent Information

Hello and welcome to 'EYFS - Reception'. Here is some information to help ease you all into school life, as well as some key dates for your diary.

TOPIC FOR THIS TERM

Our topic will be '**Once upon a time...**' for this term. Please see the attached curriculum map.

LABELLING

A huge thank you for all the labelling you have done - **please check all uniform and footwear are clearly marked with names** as we have a better chance of finding and returning it should it become lost. If your child brings a lunch or snack box container into school, please ensure your child's name is clearly on the outside of all their containers and lids as it really helps us at lunchtime and home time.

PE

The children are required to come to school dressed ready in their PE kit when it is their scheduled PE day.

Cherry and Holly Class will both have PE on **Monday** and **Tuesday** each week.

They will need to wear the following items to school on their PE day as from the week beginning 20 September 2021.

PE kit items your child will need to wear each Monday and Tuesday:

- school logo PE t-shirt
- plain hoodless red sweatshirt (these can be purchased from most larger supermarkets for a reasonable price)
- black shorts or jogging bottoms (when it's cold, please send your child to school in their jogging bottoms)
- plain socks
- trainers or plimsolls

Please remember to label all your child's belongings - red jumpers and black joggers all look the same without a name!

If your child wears earrings, please remove them on PE days or put a roll of micropore tape in their bag to cover the earrings, as we are not permitted to remove them. Children with long hair need to have it tied up or platted so that it is not loose.

SUPER STAR CERTIFICATES

Reception children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and parent contributions are greatly valued. One way we have found that helps to support communication between home and school, as well as celebrate your child's achievements, is by having **SUPER STAR CERTIFICATES** - you will find two blank certificates attached to this letter. On the certificate, we would like you to write down, along with their name, something you feel they have made good progress in. Please send the certificate into school for your child to share with the teacher and the class. It will then be displayed in the classroom. This is an on-going project, and as such would ask that you could fill out **one** certificate at some point in this half term. If you would like more certificates please let us know!

Here are some ideas for the certificates:

- Getting themselves dressed/putting shoes on the right feet every day!
- Washing, or brushing teeth independently.
- Remembering to say please and thank you.
- Learning how to fasten up their coat.
- Helping to cook or helping with the shopping.
- Taking turns well when playing a game.
- Tidying up their bedrooms!
- Swimming without armbands for the first time / learning to ride a bike without stabilisers.

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Our wonderful teaching assistants are an integral part of the EYFS team in reception and they are equally able to help you with any queries.

Mrs Novis is based in Holly Class.

Mrs Lane is based in Cherry Class.

However, the reception staff work very closely as a team, so any of the staff members are able to assist you.

COVER TEACHERS

The reception teachers are released on a regular basis for planning and other administrative duties. You will often see Mr Keech or Mrs Hunt working in Holly and Cherry Class.

WELCOME PACK

We have compiled a welcome pack which includes lots of useful information and resources. This includes:

- Parent information booklet.
- Preparing your child for school booklet.
- 'Smart' leaflet for 1decision PSHE resource.
- Laminated alphabet with school cursive handwriting script (you can use a 'dry wipe' pen on this).
- Laminated name card. This is how we will teach your child to write their name. You can practice at home with this name card.
- Evidence Me - Parent Share consent form. Please read, sign and return the form if you consent to this.

A Few Reminders...

- If your child is going home with a different adult to the usual person or people who collect them from school, please inform Miss Leach or Miss Strevens. Either this can be done verbally or a note via the class teacher, or an email or telephone message via the school office.
- Tempting as it is, please do not allow your children to play with or use the equipment in our EYFS outside area when dropping off and picking up.
- Handwashing is really important to promote good health, especially in this current climate. Here is a great link to a video and song to share with your child at home to learn the effective way to wash hands: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>
- In school, we encourage the children to cover their mouth with a tissue or their arm when coughing or sneezing - rather than using their hands. Please help your child to learn this technique at home.
- Snacks - The school healthy fruit and vegetable snack scheme is in operation. Each day there are either apples, pears, bananas, carrots, etc. available for the children. Usually the snack option is limited to one type of food each day. If your child is particular about food, or you would prefer

your child to bring in an alternative snack from home, please ensure it is in a container clearly labelled with your child's name. The home snack needs to be either fruit or vegetables, crackers, cheese or a yoghurt pouch - no cake, croissants or treats!

- A packed Lunch from home should contain a healthy, balanced meal for your child, which includes a protein-based option. Lunch boxes should not contain fizzy drinks or foods with a high sugar content. In school, we also have some children who suffer from severe food allergies. Please do not include nut or nut related products in your child's lunch, i.e. Nutella in sandwiches, etc.
- If your child receives first aid in school, an information slip about the incident will be sent home. If your child has an injury outside of school, please let your class teacher know so that we are aware of any prior injuries and thus can care for your child appropriately in school.
- Please do not send any separate water bottles into school (other than those that are included in a packed lunch or if you have discussed with the class teacher the need for your child to have one due to a medical condition). Water is freely available for the children to drink in class. If they bring a water bottle as part of their packed lunch, please ensure this is not placed into the book bag for transportation.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

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| Thursday 23 rd September 2021 | 5:15-6:00pm Virtual Reading and Phonics Parent Information Session - more details to follow |
| Monday 18 th October 2021 | Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings - more details to follow |
| Wednesday 20 th October 2021 | Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings - more details to follow |
| Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th October 2021 | October - HALF TERM |
| Monday 1 st November 2021 | INSET (school closed for children) |
| Tuesday 2 nd November 2021 | Children return to school |
| Friday 17 th December 2021 | Last day of term |
| Tuesday 4 th January 2022 | Children return to school for the spring term |

We look forward to working alongside you this year; please contact us if you have any queries.

The Reception Team ☺