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C of E Aided Primary School**

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Reception Newsletter – Friday 8th September

We hope you all had a lovely Summer and are well rested, ready for a busy and exciting first term at St Philip's! We are extremely excited about the new academic year and look forward to working closely with you and your children.

Part Time

We are so proud of how confidently the children have settled into school after just one week! From Monday we are encouraging the children to come into their classrooms independently, saying goodbye to their adults at the classroom door. This prepares the children for their third week when they begin full time.

Whilst the children are attending part time they will gain an insight into the typical routines of the school day and will become familiar with the Reception team, making lots of new friends along the way. Morning sessions (9:00-11:30) include a short break time mid-morning and children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school for this. Snacks may include fruit, bread or toast. We do also provide fresh fruit for children every day if you would prefer. Afternoon sessions (12:30-3:00) do not always include a break time, therefore a snack is not necessary.

End of school collection

If children are to be collected from school by adults other than their parents, please provide this information in a written letter detailing names and giving permission.

Medication

If your child requires prescribed medication during their time in school please let a member of the Reception team know. Unfortunately we cannot give children medication that does not have their name and dosage on, as prescribed by a doctor. Inhalers and epi-pens may be stored and administered in school. Please complete the relevant medication form from the school office and hand this in with the medication.

Nuts

We have children attending school who have severe nut allergies. Therefore we ask that children do not bring any items of food in that contain nuts. This includes peanut butter and chocolate Nutella on sandwiches, or any foods with nut traces.

Uniform

The children look wonderfully smart in their new uniforms. Please ensure that all items of clothing, including shoes and coats are all clearly labelled. A helpful tip may be to attach an easily identifiable small key-ring to coat or fleece zips so that children can locate them easily. We also ask that girls do not wear nail varnish and that all hair is tied back.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a clearly named water bottle to school every day. Please ensure that bottles are not stored in book bags as they may leak. We also ask that these bottles contain water only.

Roald Dahl Day

On Wednesday 13th September the whole school will be celebrating 'Roald Dahl Day'. On this day we will be learning about the author and sharing snippets of his fantastic stories. Staff will be dressing up as characters from his books and children are also invited to do this if they wish to, but this is optional.

Thank you for your support

The Reception Team