



St Philip Westbrook

C of E Aided Primary School

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Reception Newsletter – Friday 11th September 2020

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 happily and confidently the children completed their transition visits. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting them (and yourselves) and spending a little bit of time getting to know them before their morning or afternoon sessions begin next week. 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 (8:45-11:15) and afternoon sessions (12:15-2:45) include a short break time and children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school for this. We provide fresh fruit for children every day, but if you would prefer to send in a snack from home please ensure it consists only of either fruit, bread or toast, do not send biscuits, crisps or fruit winders. We also ask that children do not bring any toys into school.

Dropping off and end of school collection

We are following government guidelines in supporting families with social distancing for both dropping off and collecting children from school. Cones will be set out on the approach to your child's classroom door. To enable us to keep to the guidelines, please ensure that children are only accompanied by one adult.

If children are to be collected from school by adults other than their parents, please provide this information in an email to the school office, detailing names and giving permission. Due to the strict timing window for dropping off and collection of children, teachers are unable to hold discussions with parents at the classroom doors at these times. If you would like to discuss something with your child's class teacher then please send an email to the school office and class teachers will respond.

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, along with prescribed medication that is required at least four times a day. 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

We can't wait to see the children looking 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 children do not wear nail varnish or skin transfers 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 these bottles contain water only.

Thank you for your support,

The Reception Team