



# St Philip Westbrook

C of E Aided Primary School

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## Reception newsletter – Friday 18th September

This week has been wonderful! We are so proud of the children and how well they have settled into school life at St Philip's. Thank you for all of the support and encouragement you have given to the children.

### Full Time

Next week all children will be attending school full time. The school gates open at 8:45 and close at 8:55 for all Reception children. If children are late and have missed this slot you will need to return at 9.20am when all groups of children have entered school and the gate can be reopened. The school day will end at 2:45 when children will leave through their individual classroom doors. Please remember that due to the number of parents that will be waiting, teachers are unable to have discussions with parents at these times. If there is something you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please email the main school office [stphilips\\_primary@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:stphilips_primary@warrington.gov.uk)

### PE

PE kits are kept on children's pegs. They are sent home for washing every half term. Please ensure all items of clothing (including bags and pumps) are clearly named. Over the next couple of weeks we will be encouraging the children to get themselves changed into their PE kits as independently as they can. We ask that children also practise getting themselves dressed and undressed independently at home in order to help with this in school.

### Water Bottles and healthy snacks

Children should bring their water bottle to school each day and they should contain water only. Fresh fruit is available every day from the classroom for morning snacks. If you would prefer to provide your own snack please ensure it consists of either fruit, vegetables, bread or toast. Please do not send filled sandwiches.

### Lunch times

The children are very excited about having lunch in school next week. The menu for the week has been emailed to parents and is also available for viewing on our Reception Homepage of the school website.

### All About Me

This half term we are looking forward to learning as much as we can about the children. We will begin by thinking about what we look like and where we live and then later this half term we will be encouraging the children to think about their hopes and dreams for the future. This will include a 'Career Day' on Monday 12th October, whereby children will be invited to come to school dressed in a way that reflects a possible profession they would like to have in the future. More information about this day will be provided later in the half term.

### Website

The Reception Homepage has now been updated and displays helpful information about our curriculum, homework and useful web links to support children in their learning. Please also refer to your child's individual class page for a more personalised insight into the learning that has been taking place. There is also a 'School work when isolating' tab for children who are unable to attend school due to the need to isolate.

### Homework

Next week the children will be given their first piece of Reception homework. Homework will be set every Friday on the Reception Homepage on the school website and should be completed by the following Thursday. This half term all homework will be set on Purple Mash and children will be shown in school how to use this online resource. Children have been sent home with their log in information today, along with guidance for using Purple Mash. Feel free to start exploring! A phonics bookmark will also be added to the Reception Homepage each Friday, detailing the sounds we have been learning in our phonics lessons so that children can continue to practise these at home.

### Reading

Over the next couple of weeks all children will participate in their first guided reading session. This session will involve the teacher sharing a book with a group of children, practising early reading and book handling skills. The guided reading book will remain in school, however all children will be encouraged to choose an independent reading book from our reading corner to bring home. These books can only be changed by children on a Monday and a Thursday (due to the need for books to be quarantined on their return to school) and children must bring their book bags to school in order to transport their reading book. Please do not bring books and book bags to school on any other days. We encourage the children to share books at home at least three times a week. Please be reassured that we do not expect children to read the whole book in one sitting. Our advice is 'little and often'. Please encourage the children to talk about the pictures, make predictions, recognise sounds and (when they are ready) read simple words.

Thank you for your support,  
The Reception Team