



**St Philip Westbrooke**  
**C of E Aided Primary School**  
*'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly'*

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### **Reception newsletter – Friday 9th September**

Our induction period 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 the children will be attending school full time. The school gates open at 8:40 and close at 8:50 each morning. If children are late to school please enter via the front school entrance at the main office. The school day will end at 3:05 when children will leave through their individual classroom doors.

#### **PE**

PE kits are kept on children's pegs. They are sent home for washing every half term. Keep an eye on the Reception homepage on the website for information about your child's PE days. 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. Staff are always available to help, but 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.

#### **Lunch times**

This week all of the children have walked to the dinner hall to meet the kitchen staff and to have a look at where they will be having their lunch. They even told the school cook what their favourite foods were in hope that they may appear on the menu! All classes will have a designated midday assistant who will be with them to help them in both the dinner hall and the playground.

#### **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 already know about ourselves 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 17th October, whereby children will be invited to come to school dressed in a way that reflects a possible profession they would like to have. More information about this day will be provided later in the half term.

Other areas of focus for our project this half term will also include an exploration of our family members and a discussion about how we have changed since we were babies. We would like all children to bring in a family photograph and a baby photograph to support them in this work. Photographs are intended to be placed in children's Learning Journey books and they will be encouraged to talk about these with teachers and friends. If you need your photographs returning please let a member of the team know.

#### **Homework**

Next week the children will be given their first piece of Reception homework in their new homework book. Homework will be given out to the children every Friday and homework books should be returned to the homework basket in the classroom by the following Thursday. Children will also receive a phonics bookmark detailing the sounds we have been learning in our phonics lessons so that they can continue to practise these at home.

#### **Phonics**

Next week all children will begin their daily phonics lessons. In phonics, we will learn about the sounds that individual letters make and we will begin to explore how we can read words by blending these sounds together. At St Philip's we follow the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. Later in the term you will be invited into school for a meeting where we will share with you how the scheme works and the methods we use to teach children to read in school. We will start to send reading books home later in the half term when children are able to recognise more sounds and are beginning to blend some of these together to read simple words.

**Thank you for your support,**

**The Reception Team**