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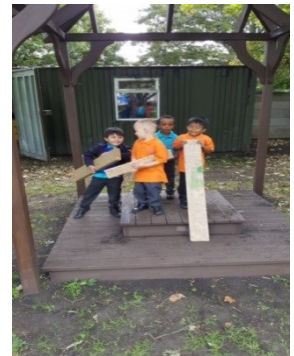
Dear Parents/Carers;

What a Fantastic Start in Reception

I wanted to say thank you to all our Reception families, parents and carers for their support during the first week of "big school". It's such an important time for our children and for you. Already I'm seeing children settled and confident, striding into their classes to change their books and talk to their teachers. The weather has been fabulous too and children have been exploring the outdoor space, building relationships with children and adults across the year group. In lessons last week we were learning our new routines, where things are, how to ask for help, how to make friends, there's been lots of books, story's songs and rhymes too. They've been a busy bunch!

We've been keeping their work for displays and for our profiles. Each child in Reception has a profile full of work, observations and photos, it records their progress and learning

throughout the year and helps us to be sure that all our children achieve their best at the end of the year. You can help with their profile, we use stickers and post it notes, send us a note or tell your child's teacher and they will note it for you. If you follow us on Twitter, post a picture of your child busy at home or on a visit somewhere exciting and add @ClaireTVI I can print it off and add that too, no need to name them, we'll know who they are. Our children learn best when school and home are strongly connected.



As parents and carers you are the first teachers your children meet in their lives and the information you hold is key to their success.

If you have any questions about your child's learning come and see their teacher, they'll be happy to help and discuss their progress and how you can help at home. Remember also, your first set of Parent Teacher meetings will be available for booking from 10pm onwards in ParentMail on 17th September. They don't take place until October, but its always a good idea to book your appointment asap in order to ensure that you get the date/time that is most convenient for you.



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your ParentMail App to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

Also...Remember, this week we are holding a 'Welcome to Reception Meeting' on Thursday afternoon.

Welcome to Reception Meeting – for ALL Reception Parents

We ask you to attend this essential meeting on 20th September at 2:30 or 4:30pm, in the School Hall. Come to either but it's important as we'll be giving you some important, key messages.

Of course, full time means the start of **School Dinners** too, if you'd like to come and taste some for yourself we have a:

School dinner "taster session" for Reception parents on Friday 21st October at 2:00pm

Come along and see what the children will be eating and talk to Violet, our school cook, about what we offer. It's a wonderful opportunity to sit, meet, and enjoy the company of the other Reception families whilst sampling our menu. There's even a salad bar and delicious desserts.



We've got lots of information about the children, what they like, don't like, if they need help or are independent eaters. There are lots of adults including the teachers and teaching assistants from their class there to help them choose, try and eat their dinner. You can help too, let children help make dinner at home, allow them to feed themselves, cut out lots of milk or enriched milk (cerelac) drinks, especially if they aren't eating as these products fill them up and don't give them the full range of vitamins and minerals they need. Children should be feeding themselves, children who are fed are at risk of becoming fussy and reluctant eaters, it may take a while. It may be messy but feeding ourselves is an important developmental milestone. If

your child is relying on bottles, or more than 1 or 2 small glasses of milk a day and you are worried about food, allergies or general eating habits, then please come and see me as soon as possible.



We have regular Health Visitor/School Nurse drop-in's - if you would like to see the School Nurse, please let either Fi or Emma know...our next drop-in is on the 4th October.

So, if you have any questions please come in and see me as soon as possible. I'm the Deputy Headteacher and Lions' Class Teacher for this year. I lead the Early Years with Adam Dobson and I also lead Inclusion, making sure all children, no matter what their educational or healthcare needs achieve their best at Thames View Infants. I'm always around to talk should you need me.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Smith".

Claire Smith
Deputy Headteacher