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Dear Parents/Carers;



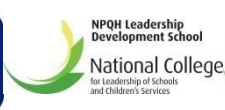
A Fantastic Start to Reception

We wanted to say big thank you to all of 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 we're seeing children settled and confident, striding into their classes to change their books and talk to their teachers. We've been lucky with the weather too and children have been exploring the outdoor space, building relationships with their new friends and adults across the year group. In lessons this week we've been learning the routines, where things are, how to ask for help, how to make friends....and much, much more! There have been lots of books, exciting stories, 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 of our children achieve their best by the end of the year. If you follow us on Twitter, remember to post a picture of your child busy at home or on a visit somewhere exciting and tag your child's teacher: @AdamDobsonTVI, @Demi_TV, @, @LizIsaiahTVI, @Fiona_tv. We can then print it off and add that to your child's profile 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.



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.

Full Time From Next Week...

Please remember, Reception children will be full time from Monday 19th September which means that they will start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.



School Dinners...Come to our Taster Session Next Friday at 2:30pm...



Full time also means the start of School Dinners. Our children are very lucky...they get a large choice of delicious cooked meals to choose from every single day. There's even a salad bar and a range of desserts to choose from.

Our meals suit every possible dietary requirement and our children all thoroughly enjoy having their lunch together every day.

Please [click here](#) to see the current School Dinner menu.

If you'd like to come and sample a selection of our meals for yourself we are delighted to invite you into school for a School Dinner Taster Session next Friday afternoon.

School dinner "Taster Session" for Reception parents on Friday 23rd September at 2:30pm

Come along and sample some of the lovely meals that the children will be eating. 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.

We've already got lots of information about the children, including what they like and don't like, if they need help or are independent eaters and so on. Please rest assured that there are lots of adults helping at Lunchtime, including the Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants from the children's classes. You can help too:

- Please let your child help you make dinner at home
- Please allow and encourage them to feed themselves with knives and forks
- Please encourage your child to try a large variety of different types of foods and not always eat the same things.

School Nurse Drop-Ins...

We have regular Health Visitor/School Nurse drop-in's - if you would like to see our School Nurse, please let Emma know...our next drop-in is on the 7th October.

As always, if you have any questions please come and see us as soon as possible. Teachers are out every morning and after school too, that's your chance to have a catch up. There's always someone around to talk if you need us.

Baseline Assessments for Reception...

This half term all Reception children will be participating in the Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA). Please [click here for information from the STA for parents regarding the Reception Baseline Assessments](#).

At Thames View Infants we will also be conducting our own 'baseline' assessments as we do every year when children start with us in Reception. Our own assessments cover all areas of a child's development and are more wide-ranging than the RBA. Together they will provide us with an accurate understanding of how your child has settled into school.

Parent Meetings Soon...

Parent Teacher meetings will take place in October and during these we will be able to answer any questions that you might have about your child's learning and you will have the opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into school.

Parent Meetings are bookable via the ParentMail App only so keep an eye-out on ParentMail for the letter which will be coming out soon.

We hope this update has been useful but, as ever, if you have any further queries, please pop in and speak to us and we'll do our best to help.

Best wishes,



Paul Jordan
Headteacher

