

Tuesday, 5th September 2023

Welcome to EYFS

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to welcome you and your child back after the summer holiday. We are looking forward to an action-packed year full of learning and excitement. We hope that your child will make lots of new friends and settle well into their new class. Please feel free to make an appointment to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns. For any non-urgent messages you can use the orange slip in the office and the information will be passed on to the teacher. Someone will get back to you later that day should a response be required.

Helpful information:

1. Children in reception will receive reading books to take home, which will be changed at least weekly. Please read with your child every day. Your child can request to change their book more frequently if they need to. Children will also be rewarded and encouraged through our reading tree in the hall for all the books they read at home. Children in nursery will receive an activity pack with some fun activities and a reading book, which will also be changed weekly.

Children in reception will also start receiving a Read Write Inc book when they reach the appropriate level in their phonics from after the Christmas holidays.

2. It is a statutory requirement that every child must take part in PE, wearing appropriate PE kit*. Thank you in advance for ensuring your child is in school every day with their kit, including correct footwear.

Indoor PE kit:

- White T-shirt
- Shorts

Outdoor PE kit:

- T-shirt
- Long bottoms
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Warm top for cold weather

* Although children in nursery will do PE, they do not need a PE kit yet, only comfortable shoes.

3. Please provide your child with a water bottle. Only water is allowed during lesson times. You may still provide juice for your child's packed lunch.
4. A healthy snack is provided daily for the children with a choice of milk or water.
5. Please ensure that all clothing and property is marked clearly with your child's name. Lost property accumulates very quickly and if not marked, it will be recycled if not claimed.
6. We go outside in all weathers; therefore could you please make sure your child wears suitable footwear and a coat so that they are ready for all types of weather.

On a Wednesday children have the opportunity to share their own experiences. They can bring an object from home to support this. It could be a photograph, book or a picture they have drawn of an event that has happened. (We do not recommend bringing in toys.)

For information about what we are learning, please refer to our website: www.shawprimaryacademy.co.uk where you will find details about our curriculum. Year group pages will also regularly be updated with recent learning experiences.

The children as well as staff are very excited to invite you to their Christmas performance! More details will follow later during the term.

Thank you for your kind support in helping your child to develop safely and happily.

Sincerely,

Mrs Vorster (Assistant Headteacher and EYFS Leader)

Mrs Skinner (RS)

Mrs Downes (RD)

Miss Hickling (Nursery)