

Reception Newsletter

Welcome to your first term at Greenholm!

All of the children have settled in well and are getting used to the school routines. The children have enjoyed exploring activities within and outside the classroom, including visiting the animals at the Greenholm farm.

Please ensure that you have returned all of the forms from your induction folder to the school office. This includes whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals. All Reception children receive a free school dinner however, if you are in receipt of any benefits then please fill out the form at the office. The school can receive additional funds for your child.

We are currently conducting baseline assessments on all of the children to establish their current level of knowledge and abilities across the early year's curriculum. This will help us to ensure that your child is supported appropriately. We will provide updates throughout the year on how your child is progressing and what support they might need at home.

Teacher Days

School will be closed for pupils on **Friday 26th September** for a teacher training day.

Autumn Term Themes

This term we are learning about 'Ourselves', 'Families' and 'Festivals and Celebrations'. We will be exploring our similarities and differences, likes and dislikes, and who is in our family. We will also be talking about different celebrations and festivals we celebrate with our families. Children will explore these topics through artwork, stories, and circle times.

In literacy we will be focusing on blending Phase 2 letters and sounds. Handwriting is a massive priority this year so children will be having daily handwriting sessions.

In Numeracy we will focus on early recognition of numbers and counting, shape names and pattern.

Children will also be learning French once a week and have opportunity to take part in forest schools.

P.E Lessons

Your child will be taking part in **P.E lessons every Monday**. To be able to take part in the lessons your child will need to come to school wearing the correct kit; a Greenholm t-shirt, black shorts or leggings, socks and black school pumps.

Healthy snack

Children need to bring a piece of **fruit or vegetable** to school for their morning snack. Children should not bring, crisps, biscuits or chocolate. We are also a no nut school so please **no nuts**.

Rewards and Sanctions

When your child demonstrates a good attitude/behaviour and/or good work they will receive one of the following- verbal praise, stickers, hand stamps, a Dojo point or a certificate.

If your child does not follow the class rules they are given three warnings, after which they will be at risk of missing some playtime, missing some golden time and time out in class.

School Day

Please drop off and pick up your child promptly to avoid any disruption. The gate will open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am. The register is done at **9.00am**, any child who comes in after that time will be marked as late.

Key Dates

Phonics Workshop (Parent information) 24th September

Harvest Assembly 10th October.

Flu Immunisations- 21st October.

School Bonfire Night- 6th November

Odd Socks Day- 7th November

Phonics Workshops (Parent visit child's classroom)- 10th /11th / 12th November

Many thanks for your help and support,

The Reception Team

Miss Lea-Redmond, Miss Kay, Miss Yeomans, Mrs Hussain, Mrs McGowan, Mrs Minchin