

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1 – September 2021



A very warm welcome to all children and parents joining Reception at Cherry Orchard this year. We have really enjoyed seeing you all and beginning to get to know the children during our home visits. We are looking forward to their first school sessions next week and can't wait to see what the rest of Term 1 will bring!

Tapestry

Thank you to all parents who have activated their Tapestry accounts, hopefully you are now becoming more familiar with how it works. If you haven't seen it already, each child has an 'About Me' page on Tapestry, containing useful information to help us to get to know your child better so we ask that you fill this out as soon as possible.



Focus Week Contributions

Each child will have a focus week once every term. During this week we will play closely with them to observe their interests and extend their learning. Your contributions to these focus weeks really help us to tailor our support, as well as making us unaware of any important changes or celebrations at home. Please look out for a 'Focus Week Parent Contribution' observation on Tapestry where you will be able to answer some questions about your child and ask any questions of your own.



Once children have started their full time hours, we will begin learning the RWI Set 1 Sounds. Each week we will learn how to say, read and write 5 new sounds and begin to practise blending them.

This term we will also focus on lots of early phonics skills; including listening, rhyming, alliteration & syllable counting.

Drop Off & Pick Up

In the morning please wait in the "Park area until the EYFS gate is buzzed. You can then walk down to the Reception gates to say your goodbyes to your child.



When collecting your child, please make sure that you stand on the correct side of the gates for Chestnut and Juniper classes, to allow staff to see you clearly from the classroom windows.

Please check all sessions times carefully and arrive as promptly as possible.

Lunch & Snack

School lunches are free for all Reception children and menus are available on the school website. If you wish for your child to have a packed lunch on any day, please send it in with them and make sure it is clearly named. If a packed lunch is sent in, your child will not receive a school dinner on that day.



A fruit or vegetable snack will be provided for children everyday, so you do not need to send in any snacks.

Extended Schools Provision

A google form to sign up for Breakfast Club and After School Club will be posted to Tapestry next week, so please look out for this if you wish to book your child in.

P.E. Sessions

On P.E. days children will need to come into school in their school P.E. kit. We will inform parents which day this will be via Tapestry, once timetables are confirmed

