

Willow and Apple Class

Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a fantastic Summer. It is lovely to see all the children safe, refreshed and ready for the start of a new school year.

The first few weeks we will be busy settling in and following new routines. During the first few weeks we will be busy assessing the children so that we know exactly where each child is, in order to support and help them with their learning.

Year 1 and Year 2 - More information about class routines and how to support your child with homework and reading will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Reception - All new Reception parents are invited to a meeting at 9.00, on **Wednesday 20th September**. The meeting will provide an overview of how we teach phonics and reading in school, and how you can support your child at home. You will also be given a pack with resources to use at home.

Daily Routines

Drinks and Snacks

We have snack time every morning in class. Please sign up on Parent Pay for your child to receive fruit during this time. There will be milk and water freely available. In school we have a 'Free Friday,' which gives the children an opportunity to choose a healthy snack from home and bring it in. Fruit Tuck is NOT available on Friday, so there will be no fruit provided in class. Please ask if you are unsure.

Children need to bring to school their own water bottle from home. Bottles must be plastic, not glass, and **named clearly** in a permanent pen. Your child will bring their bottle home each day for washing and refilling (**water only please**).

School Dinners and Home Times

It would be a great help if your child is reminded each morning whether they are school lunches, or if they have brought sandwiches from home. It can also be very reassuring to your child to know who is collecting them each day at 3.30pm.



★ Clothes

★ Please take time to clearly name every item of school uniform that your child is wearing. We
★ spend a lot of time reuniting unnamed items with the correct child. Please send your child in
★ a with a raincoat each day and a sun hat (if needed).

★ Reception - *Please can you provide a spare change of clothes (in a small named drawstring bag
★ with labelled clothes) on your child's peg in case of accidents, this would be most helpful.*

★ Physical Development - WEDNESDAY

★ Your child will need to come to school on Wednesdays wearing their full PE kit:
★ joggers/leggings/short, house colour t-shirt, trainers and a jumper. Each
★ Wednesday afternoon the year groups will be rotating around physical activities e.g. ball skills,
★ gymnastics, outdoor activities... *Your child may be taking part in outdoor activities so a
★ raincoat with a hood is a must every Wednesday. If you have a spare pair of wellies then
★ please send them in in a labelled bag and your child can leave them on their peg for the
★ term. Thank you!*

★ Punctuality

★ Punctuality is essential to help your child settle and get the most out of the school day. The
★ school bell rings at 8.50 every day and teaching sessions begin immediately after Registration.
★ It is unsettling for your child and the other children when these lessons are interrupted.

★ Topic

★ This term our topics will be linked to the theme of 'Change'. We will have a number of mini
★ topics based on the children's interests with pupils exploring and developing their skills in all
★ curriculum areas. The children will also be helping to lead the learning and we will keep you
★ updated with tweets showing all fun and learning that is taking place in Willow and Apple
★ classes.

★ If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to come and talk to us, we are always
★ available early before the morning bell or after school.

★ Thank you for your support.

★ Miss Tingay, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Sully

