

Welcome to Acorns Class



Welcome!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child and ensuring that your child's start to school life is a happy one. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure of anything, we are here to help!

Class teacher - Lucy Sanders

Teaching assistant - Anna Sutton



This year your child will be encouraged to become more independent; they will be expected to begin to tidy up after themselves and look after their own things. **Please help by remembering to label all items of clothing** so they can be easily identified if misplaced.



Our School Day

School starts at 9.00am although the classroom door is open from 8.45. If you need to call in to talk to us between these times please feel free to do so. The doors will close at 9.00am. We ask that if you are late you take your child to the school office rather than disturb the class after this time.

We have a morning break at 10.45am for fifteen minutes and a lunch break at 12.00pm for one hour and fifteen minutes.

Our school day finishes at 3.15pm. If you are going to be late, or have asked someone else to collect your child please let the school know as soon as possible.



What your child needs in school

Please ensure your child brings a fully named P.E. kit to school each Monday: black/blue shorts/pair of jogging trousers, white/blue t shirt, black pumps. Trainers can be worn for outdoor PE sessions. Please include some spare underwear for those inevitable accidents! No jewellery is allowed to be worn during PE sessions. If your child has earrings they must be able to remove them independently for health and safety reasons. We will inform you of our PE days.

If your child is asthmatic please inform the school and send in an appropriately named inhaler.



Snack

We have a snack of fruit and milk each morning before break. Fruit is provided by the authority and milk is free up to the age of five - after which it has to be paid for. We are happy for you to send a labelled **healthy** snack as a substitute but we do encourage the children to try what we have to offer.



Water

The children have free access to water during the school day. Please remember to send in a **named** sports top water bottle which will be kept in class and returned daily to be washed. If your child is having packed lunch we are happy for you to send two bottles, one for classroom use and one to be kept with their packed lunch.



Curriculum

Reception is very much a continuation from pre-school. Learning is achieved primarily through play which is both adult directed and independent. Activities and challenges are provided to develop enquiring minds. The children will follow the Foundation Stage curriculum. Each term a letter will be posted on the website outlining the topics we will be working on in school. Please make sure you visit the website regularly where we will post pictures/ information about our learning. www.barbyceprimary.org.uk



Home reading

Your child will be provided with a book bag. At first, this will contain a book from the school library. Our library day is Wednesday, please make sure the library book is in school on this day to enable us to change it. Once routine has been established your child will bring home a reading book along with a record book in which to record their achievements. Please try to share a story each night but not necessarily the whole book. Please sign each time you read with your child and add any comments which you feel are necessary.

Your child will choose their own reading book from a selection of books appropriate to their reading level.

Sometimes they may choose the same book twice but please don't worry. We endeavour to read with your child and change their reading book as often as it is possible, but please remember to send book bags every day.

Your child will also have a home/school communication book which will be used to communicate information and letters. Please check it regularly and also use it to inform us of anything relevant.



At the start of the year all children will be given a buddy from Oaks class to help them around school and to read with them each Wednesday. This has always worked well and lots of lasting friendships have been made with the older children.



Homework

Your child will have their own special book which will sometimes come home on a Friday. They will be able to use this to extend the learning that has taken place in school during the week. The activity will be one that you can enjoy with your child. Please feel free to add any special activities you have done together at home. Please return the book to school by the following Thursday



Houses

All children are put into one of four houses, these are named after local reservoirs: Draycote, Rutland, Ravensthorpe and Pitsford. The children earn points for good work and behaviour and as house points accumulate they are awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates. Celebration assembly takes place every Friday, lasts around fifteen minutes and includes presentations for class star of the week, star work and house points. If your child is to receive an award you will receive an invitation, however you are more than welcome to join us any Friday!



Concerns?

We know that starting school is a very daunting time for you as well as your child, but we are very friendly and promise to look after you all! If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to come and see us, either first thing in the morning or at the end of the school day, although if this is not possible please phone the school office to speak to us or arrange an appointment.

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