



Reception Newsletter October 2018

Reading Books

All children have now been sent home a school reading book. Please share these books at home with your children and record a short note in their reading diary so that we know your child had read at home. Reading books and diaries should be kept in their school book bag and brought to school every day. If you do not already have a book bag these are available to buy at the school office for £3.50. The only things that should be kept in their book bag are their book and any letters. Please DO NOT put water bottles in them as they often leak and damage the school books. Any damaged or lost reading books and diaries are chargeable at £5 each.



We will read with your child at least once a week in school and their books will be changed on a Monday and a Friday. We will be collecting them in on those days at the door in the morning so please have them ready to put in the basket. Thank you.

Snack



We provide your children with a healthy range of snack each day. These include, yogurts, breadsticks, crackers and toast. Also, there is always available fresh fruit and milk throughout the day. Milk and fruit is provided free of charge but the additional snack that we provide is chargeable at £1 a week. Please ensure that this is brought into school each Monday in a small envelope with your child's name on. Our snack fund also enables us to do enrichment activities such as baking etc.

Without this small contribution from parents we would be unable to provide this. We would like to thank you for your support but if you have any issues regarding this then please see a member of the Reception team.

Stay and Play

After half term we would like to get you involved in regular Stay and Play sessions each week. We will be opening up the doors every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30pm. At this time the children will be in provision and you will be able to play and learn alongside them. We are going to incorporate this session with a game of PHONICS BINGO! This was very popular last year and was indeed the highlight of the week. There is a chance to win some chocolate prizes and once a half term we do BIG MONEY bingo where the prize is a £10 voucher! It's not to be missed and the children will really enjoy you being there. Although you would be most welcome to do so, there is no expectation that you come every week. We understand that many of you will have work and family commitments so just attend whenever you can. On that note, these sessions are for parents and carers only and we would like to limit it to one adult per child each week, otherwise the classrooms would be too busy and could interrupt



the normal learning environment. It would also be better if you didn't bring younger siblings, this we enable you to have some quality time with your child in school. However, having said that we would rather you come than not at all, so if this is causing you any problems then please let us know. We would like to thank you for your support with this and shall look forward to welcoming you all.

Tapestry

We have begun using an online learning journey called Tapestry. This is where we will be recording most of your child's observations throughout the day. There is a facility to link you as parents to their account so you would have online access to their very busy school day. Once you are connected you will also be able to send us observations sharing with us their learning from home. There is an app available for you to download to make this communication easier. If you would like to connect to your child's account we just need your First and Last name and your email address. Please send this to us either via Class Dojo or email: rebecca.kenyon@radcliffeprimary.bc-et.co.uk or Alex.Neilson@radcliffeprimary.bc-et.co.uk





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Volunteers

We are always looking for eager volunteers in school in particular to help us hear children read. If any of you would like to help then please see a member of the team.

Uniform

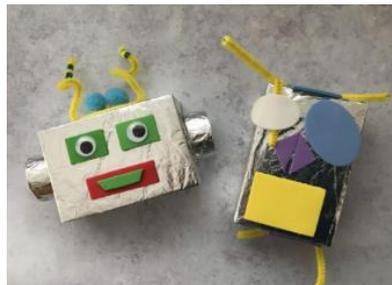


Your children are looking very smart in their uniforms and we would like to keep it that way. Please ensure that all your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. Including their tie! We have had lots of issues with unnamed uniform and we cannot return it to the rightful owner if no name is visible. Further to the day to day uniform, your child is required to have a set of waterproofs and wellies that are kept in school. Thank you to all parents who have provided these, but we still have many children with them. This is making outdoor play in all weathers very difficult. Playing outside is an integral part of our curriculum and school day. If children are unable to access outside they are missing out on a vital part of their learning. Again, if you have any issues with this please let us know.

Junk Modelling

One of our areas of provision is junk modelling. In order to keep this area going we need your donations of clean rubbish. We need:

- Small cardboard boxes
- Cardboard tubes
- Yogurt pots
- Plastic lids
- Egg boxes
- Small plastic bottles
- Plastic trays and tubs



Please note that we cannot accept any medication packaging for obvious reasons.

And Finally...



Autumn is most definitely upon us and after half term we will be looking carefully for signs of autumn and seasonal changes. Over the half term holiday we would like to set the children a small piece of homework. Whilst you are out and about can the children please collect autumn objects such as leaves, twigs, conkers, acorns etc. We would also like the children to take an 'Autumn Selfie'. A picture of them with autumn in the background. You can send these pictures to us via

Class Dojo, Tapestry if you are connected or email as above. We will also be taking our own that we will share with you!

Thank you again for your continued support

The Reception Team

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