



Newsletter No.1

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children. [Diary Dates](#)

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new Reception children's families.

The children have settled in very well to our school routines. Thank you for your support enabling the children to have a good start to the new school year. As this is our first newsletter of the year there are quite a few house-keeping messages included within it. Thank you for taking the time to read through them as they are important to ensure the smooth running of our school.

Our new Reception children have had had great first few days in their new environment. There are a few photos on our website that were taken on their first day. [Click here.](#)

Thank You!

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to say a big thank you to you for the lovely gifts that we received at the end of last term. We are always overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

Welcome Meeting—Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all parents who came along to the Welcome Meetings today. It was lovely to see so many different families there. We hope that you found them informative. Copies of the presentations are available on our website to view if you were unable to join us this week. [Click here](#)

Diary Dates

We are pleased to enclose diary dates up to Christmas which includes the term dates for this year and the activities we can now plan for the children. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible for forthcoming dates and activities.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is unwell please report their absence by calling or sending an email to the school office by 9.00am. Please tell us the reason and symptoms for them not attending school that day.

Bookbags

Just a reminder for all children to bring in their bookbags and water bottles every day. Reading books will be changed once a week.

Allergy Aware School—No Nuts

We have children in our school who have severe allergies. If your child brings in their own lunch, please do not send in any items that contain nuts in their lunch box because we are a nut free school. Thank you for your understanding.



Wellbeing Week— w/c Monday 10th October

This week will include celebrating #Hello Yellow, First Aid Workshops and other classroom wellbeing activities.

#HelloYellow : Mental Health Day – Monday 10th October

We are supporting Mental Health Day— #HelloYellow. We wish to recognise this special cause by asking the children to come to school dressed in something yellow— it can be any one thing in yellow from a yellow accessory, a pair of socks to a yellow top. If you wish, please make a donation directly via the Young Minds website. Donate here. This will be a full mufti day for the children to come to school in their own clothes.

Schoolgateway Online Payments

We have the Schoolgateway in our school which is an online payment system. Schoolgateway enables you to make online payments to school for trips and clubs. You can make payments using the Schoolgateway app on your smartphone or from the Schoolgateway website.

We take bookings and payment for WASPS (the before and after school club) and for other school activities.

To start using Schoolgateway please follow the instructions below for registering.

Download the app: If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can send app messages to the school for FREE – this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

We'll notify you by text or email when new items are available for payment.

If you're having trouble logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

We hope that you will find School Gateway to be a fast and easy way to pay for school items.

Dogs at Drop-Off and Pick Up

If your family dog accompanies you to drop-off and pick up you are welcome to tie them to our school fence. Please ensure they are tied up along the pathway and away from the school gate entrance. Some children are not confident around dogs and it can be upsetting for them to walk passed a dog sitting by the gate entrance. Thank you.



School Equipment

Our outdoor classrooms and equipment must only be used by children during school hours when they are supervised by a member of staff. You must ensure that children and their siblings do not play on the equipment or go into the woodland area at drop off and pick up. This is for safety reasons as our insurance does not cover this. Thank you.

Collection Rota Sheet—Please return

Just a reminder to please return the Collection Rota if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Data Collection Sheet—Please return

The children will be bringing home a Data Collection sheet today. This sheet shows the information that we have on our records for you. Please check the information is still correct and if there has been any change to your circumstances please amend the sheet and return it to your class teacher. Thank you.

Cool Milk

When your child turns 5 years of age they will stop receiving daily milk as part of the government scheme. If you wish your child to continue to receive milk please sign up for this on the Cool Milk website. [Click Here](#)

Wellington Boots and Coat

Please can you send in a pair of named wellington boots with your child for them to keep in school. The children are spending time in the woodland throughout the day and the ground is beginning to stay damp they will change into their wellingtons to keep their feet dry.

Now that the weather is becoming more autumnal please ensure your child wears a named coat to school. The children go outside as much as possible during the school day for their class activities and to play and they will need to wear a coat for this time of year now.

Please ensure all school uniform is named. This helps us to return items to you. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Lucy McNeil