



Acorn Class Newsletter- Terms 1 and 2

Reception

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to all our new Reception children and parents. I hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead. I will be sending out class newsletters every other term to keep you updated with our topics.

CURRICULUM

Our theme for term 1 is 'Ourselves'. We will be reading lots of stories and talking about the characters, settings and events and relating these to ourselves. Our topic for term 2 will be 'Colour'. Activities will be based on the children's own individual interests and experiences.

CLOTHING

The children spend a lot of their time in the outside learning areas and they have an excellent time learning through the activities. Please make sure that your child is always dressed appropriately for all weather situations. Please ensure that your entire child's uniform is clearly named to avoid mix-ups.

PHONICS

We will be working on our sounds every day, following the Letters and Sounds scheme in conjunction with Jolly Phonics. I will send out more information about phonics when the children begin the first phase.

HOMEWORK

Your child will be given a 'Home Activities Book'. Each term we will add a variety of activities linked to their learning for your child to choose from. We will also send home reading books and would ask that reading and book sharing is done daily.

TAPESTRY

As you may be aware you are going to be aware Lower Halstow School uses an online programme to help keep you up to date with your child's learning. If you have any questions about this please don't hesitate to ask me.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays . Reception children should bring a named PE kit consisting of blue shorts and a white T-shirt, in a named bag. They will also need tracksuit bottoms, along sleeved top and plimsolls or trainers for when we go outside later in the year. These can be left on the children's pegs for the term. Please ensure earrings are removed before school on PE days. A spare set of clothes could be provided in a separate named bag to hang on their pegs should your child have a little accident!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

From September 2017, Religious Education (RE) will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource "Understanding Christianity". Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are part of the KAS.

In Terms 1 and 2 our key questions to explore are:

Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?

Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?

SESSION TIMES

The school gates will be opened at 8:30 and closed at 8:50. For the first 2 weeks our school day in Acorns will finish at 12:00. From 25th September the children will stay with us for lunch and finish at 1:30pm. They will be in full time from Monday 2nd October. Collection time will then be 3:30pm.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality, and ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and collect them on time. If you are late in the morning you will need to go around to the front of the school and come through the main door. You will also need to fill in your child's details in the late arrivals file. Please telephone the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school.

I am really looking forward to getting to know your child this term and I am so excited to be teaching them as they begin their school journey.

Best wishes,

Miss Taylor