

## Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School - Reception - September Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back into the Autumn term! It is lovely to see the children so happy and enthusiastic once again. Even after a short time in their new class, then children are already very settled and happy.

Here are just a few things that make you aware of this term.

### Uniform

The children are all looking very smart in their school uniforms which is fantastic to see. Please ensure that **all** items of uniform are labelled clearly with your child's name. It can be a very difficult task reuniting jumpers to their owners at the end of the day without names in and equally frustrating for parents when they have purchased brand new uniform at the start of the school year when they go missing.

### PE Kits

We will be doing indoor PE and Dance on a Wednesday. The children will not require any additional kit for this. A PE kit will not be required until January when the children participate in Outdoor Games. This consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts and daps/plimsolls. All of these items should be clearly named.

PE kits should be sent to school in a named **carrier bag** - these will stay in school and get sent home at the end of each half term.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure that your child is at school by 8.55am every day. The class register is taken at this time, as lessons start promptly after. It is vital that they do not miss any of their lessons through late attendance, as this can have a huge impact on their learning.

The school day ends at 3.15pm. Please ensure that you are at school by this time to collect your child. If you are running late, or if somebody else is collecting your child, please telephone the school to inform us. After 3.20pm, children who have not yet been collected will be taken down to the office to wait for you there. When you arrive, you will be asked to sign out your child.

Sickness and urgent medical appointments are the only reasons why your child should be absent from school. Holidays will not be authorised.

### Earrings

As in line with our uniform policy, children **are not** permitted to wear earrings of any description. If your child is wearing earrings, please remove them, for their own safety.

### Reading

Very soon your child will receive a reading book and reading record. We send familiar texts home to help develop comprehension, fluency, expression and further consolidation of phonics. Your child will certainly benefit from reading to you regularly at home. We ask that your child's reading file is in school from a Wednesday to enable us to change their books.

### Homework

Homework books will be given out on a Thursday. Please ensure that homework books are completed and returned each Wednesday.

### Lunch Boxes

Please support our Healthy Eating Policy when sending your child to school with a pack lunch.

### Topics

Our main topic this half term will be 'What Makes Me Special'. Please send a photo of when your child was a baby to school to contribute to our display relating to our topic.

### Water Bottles

We have purchased a water bottle for all the children. This supports our Healthy Eating Policy and also ensures that your child has access to fresh, cold water in their own drinks container throughout the day. We are asking parents for a contribution of £1 towards your child's water bottle. The bottles will stay at school and be washed thoroughly and refilled daily by staff.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to any member of staff, or make an appointment with Mrs Bancroft or Mrs Walker.

We look forward to another successful school year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bancroft, Miss Fallon and Miss McEvoy.