



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

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‘Where Every Heart is Sacred’

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception Class, it is so lovely to see you all. Thank you for the preparation you have done with your child in readiness for them starting school. We are so pleased with how the first week has gone. We are fully aware that this has been such an unusual way for your child to start school and we are appreciative of the support and encouragement that you have given at drop off and collection times. The children have come in calmly and ready to learn. We want them all to be happy and confident in their new surroundings with their new friends after such a long time away. Our main focus in these first few weeks will be getting to know your children and them settling into our new routines.

We know that some of you may be feeling frustrated or anxious that you are not able to talk to us informally about your child, due to social distancing restrictions. Please make an appointment to speak to me if you have concerns.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year, whatever the current difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bancroft and the Foundation Stage Team

Meercats and Flamingos - Reception Class

New Health and Safety Routines

From Monday, Reception children who have easily settled will start at 9.20am and finish at 2.50pm. This will be their regular start and finish times.

In the mornings, if you have dropped off an older sibling, you are welcome to drop off your Reception child after, in order to save you waiting. Other Reception children should come to school at 9.20am.

From Monday they will come through the playground, past the Nursery class, into the Foundation Stage Outdoor area and through their Meerkat or Flamingo door. This is where the children will also be collected at 2.50pm. Please line up by the markers here and wait for your child to be dismissed to you. We are trying really hard to remember the faces of all our parents – please bear with us!

The children wash their hands regularly throughout the day. The resources are rotated, quarantined, washed or sprayed with disinfectant between uses.

They are not shared with any other bubble

Our Curriculum

Our topic this half term is Inside Out and All Around. We will be thinking about the feelings and emotions of ourselves and those around us. For the next 2 weeks, we will be looking at the story of Owl Babies. In Numeracy, we will be counting and recapping on number formation and number recognition.

Things to Remember

We ask for a weekly contribution of 50p towards class funds – this helps to pay for treats, prizes and materials and extra enhancements for our topics.

Mrs Bancroft and Mrs Enright are the teachers on the Meerkat Carpet. Miss Briggs is the teacher on the Flamingo Carpet.

Mrs Bancroft works Monday – Thursday.

Mrs Enright works Tuesday – Friday.

Miss Briggs works Monday-Friday.

Mrs Montgomery is our Teaching Assistant who works across all Reception groups.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homework</u></p> <p>We will be setting homework from next week. We hope this will be as practical and hands on as possible via Class DoJo.</p>	<p>If your child is sent to school with a packed lunch, please ensure there are no traces of nuts, sesame or lentils in any products.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rewards and Sanctions</u></p> <p>Each day every child will start on the Green traffic Light. If they do something extra impressive, their name will be moved to Gold – they will get to choose a small prize as a reward for this. If good choices are not made, they will get a warning and their name will be moved to Amber. If poor choices continue, their name will be moved to Red and they will have 'Thinking Time'. If your child regularly has 'Thinking Time' we will discuss this with you.</p> <p>Parents will receive information about Class DoJo today – please follow the steps to set up your child's account if you haven't already. DoJo points are awarded regularly through the day for the wonderful things we witness the children doing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Uniform</u></p> <p>The children are looking very smart in their new uniform! Please be reminded that earrings are not permitted at all, please remove these if your child is wearing them.</p> <p>Please label all belongings – including coats and lunchboxes. We understand how frustrating it is when items are missing at the end of the day but we have already noticed that a large number of coats do not have the children's names in which is tricky.</p>

You can help your child by:

Chatting about school, their friends, teachers and the activities they do each day.

Share books and read regularly to your children at home.

Encourage independence when getting dressed, finding belongings and going to the toilet.

Tell them how much they are loved and valued!

