

# RECEPTION

 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

We would like to warmly welcome you to Reception and Warden Hill Primary School. We look forward to a great year ahead, working in partnership with you to help your child with their learning, their social development and most importantly having fun everyday and learning to enjoy school. This first Reception newsletter outlines some important information about starting school and our curriculum.

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK**

We are so excited about the children starting school. Please refer to your Parent's Information Booklet for timings as to when your child is in school for their hour and a half slots, as well as for their full day, before starting full time on Wednesday 13th September.

For all sessions, the children will need to be dropped off outside their classrooms at the given time, as they were on their playdates and the transition morning.

When the children start full time, the school day officially starts at 8.45am. The gates will be open from 8.35am. Any

child arriving after this will be marked as late as must come through the main office.

### **RECEPTION PICK UP**

When your child's hour and a half sessions have finished, please pick them up from the playground, as shown in the video. When your child is in for their full day and when they start full time, they will also be picked up on the playground. Each class has been given their own line space, with Reception on the right, nearest the green area. Pick up time will be at 3.15pm.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

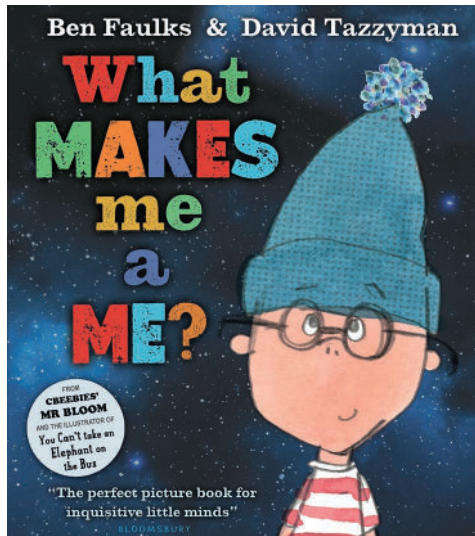
We will send home a menu, for the Autumn term, for your child to familiarise themselves with the lunch choices and the sorts of meals that are provided. We are often asked how the children order their lunch. When we take the register we will ask them for their choice, whether it is a hot dinner or lunchbox. The menus can also be found on our website: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/school-meals/> The menu works on a three week cycle.

### **EYFS CURRICULUM**

For the first two weeks, we will be planning activities to get to know the children and help them settle into the school environment. We will be establishing routines and a structure to the day, as well as concentrating on following and listening to instructions individually and in small groups through carefully planned fun activities.

Each half term we will send home an objective booklet, illustrating what we will be covering, as well as giving you ideas of how you can help to support your child's learning at home. The objective booklet for the first half-term will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Activities planned in school will link to our 'I wonder' statement for that half term. As we get to know the children we will also plan provision around their interests.



Our 'I Wonder' for this half term will be 'I wonder what makes me unique?' and what better way to start than by sharing the children's holiday diaries. We will explore our 'I Wonder' through stories, poems, the children's own experiences, celebrating our similarities and differences, talking about our families, where we live, starting school, new friendships etc, building on developing a real sense of belonging.

### **RECEPTION CURRICULUM EVENING**

We would like to invite you to school on Thursday 14th September at 6.00pm to talk through our EYFS curriculum and the sorts of things the children will be learning throughout the year in more detail. We hope this will be helpful. We will also explain the sorts of activities that we will be sending home, in particular linked to early reading, to help consolidate what has been learnt in school.

### **PE**

We will be starting PE sessions the week beginning 18th September. Our PE sessions will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday. Children will be required to bring

their PE kits to school where they will change into them before their session. They can bring plimsolls or trainers, or both.

<http://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

We will also be starting Phonics on the week beginning 18th September and will give you more information on this at our curriculum evening.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

Each day the children will need to bring:

- Book bag
- Suitable coat (nothing too special as it is likely to get sandy, wet or muddy)
- Lunchbox (if they are having their own lunch, starting 11 September)
- Clearly named water bottle
- If possible a named pair of wellies to stay permanently at school, as we play outside in all weathers

### **HOLIDAY DIARY**

On your child's first day, please could they bring the holiday diary that we gave you in July (It does not have to be full!).

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this with your child.

### **COMMUNICATION**

We are around at the beginning and end of the day. If you have a serious concern or would like to talk to us about a confidential matter, we can arrange an appointment. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask and we are very much looking forward to seeing the children and yourselves at Warden Hill.