



QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Reception

We are writing to introduce the Reception team, give you important information necessary for the first few weeks of term and explain about our topics.

Meet the team

Class Teachers: Mrs Guntrip, Mrs Pile (Mon, Tues, Weds) and Mrs Tyler (Thurs, Fri)

Nursery Nurse: Mrs Gellie

Teaching assistants: Mrs Watts and Mrs Roberts

The adults in Owl class will be Mrs Guntrip and Mrs Roberts. The adults in Dove class will be Mrs Pile, Mrs Tyler and Mrs Watts. Mrs Gellie will be shared between the two classes.

PE days

Our regular PE slot will be on a Wednesday afternoon, which we will aim to begin in a few weeks when the children have settled in. All children will need an indoor PE kit of navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt. If the children have pierced ears, please either remove them on PE days or provide surgical tape to cover them.

Wellies

As the weather changes, our outside area will become quite muddy therefore we will encourage the children to wear wellies when they are learning outside. Wellies can be left in school and should be clearly labelled with your child's name. We will go outside in all weathers so please ensure that children have a good waterproof coat in wet weather.

Spare Clothes

It would be really useful if every child has a spare set of clothes especially underwear in school just in case!

Class bears

Both Betty and Bertie will begin their adventures next week and will spend a weekend with each child in the classes. This provides an opportunity for children to talk to the class about something they have done with the bear at the weekend. Their diary will also come home with them. It would be great if you could write a little note and draw a picture or stick in a photo of your weekend. We will have their books on display in each class for the children to look at all of their adventures.

Reception Blog

Our blogs will be updated regularly. You can find the links to our blogs on the school website.

Wow Moments

Each week your child will be bringing home a Wow Moment slip for you to fill in with something your child has achieved at home so that they can share their achievements outside of school with the other children and put it on display.

Topic

This term our topic is learning all about ourselves, including our school and our friends. We will spend time getting to know each other, learning about our families, meeting the staff at Queensway School and finding out about their different roles.

Reading with your child at home

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of reading with your child every day and sharing books together not just hearing them read. Talking about the books you share will really help them develop a love of reading and important early reading skills.

Homework

Children will be bringing home reading books a few weeks into Term 1. They will be given a reading diary and it would be really useful if you could put the date and sign your name to show when you have read with them.

Start of term dates and times

Week beginning 02.09.19: Morning session 9.00-11.30
 Afternoon session 12.30-3.00

Week beginning 09.9.19: All children full time 8.45- 3.00

If you have any questions about any of the above please talk to staff either in the morning when you arrive with your child or after school.

Best wishes

Mrs Guntrip, Mrs Pile and Mrs Tyler
Class Teachers