



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

Owl Class:



Mrs Guntrip
Class Teacher



Mrs Blencowe
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Evangelou
Teaching Assistant

Dove Class:



Mrs Morgan (Mon, Tues, Weds)
Class Teacher



Mrs Tyler (Thurs, Fri)
Class Teacher



Mrs Roberts
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Walker
Teaching Assistant

PE days

Our regular PE slot will be on a Wednesday morning, which we will aim to begin in a few weeks when the children have settled in. In Term 1 the children will not be changing for PE so will therefore not require a PE kit.

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! Please make sure that these clothes are also clearly named.

Reception Blog

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

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 'All about me'. Please visit our class blogs via the school website to find the full knowledge organiser that we have created for this topic outlining exactly what your child will be learning.

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 which will begin with a picture book for you to share together and move on to phonics books for them to read to you. 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.

Children will also receive one piece of Maths and one piece of Phonics homework every Friday in a named plastic wallet. These are to be completed and sent into school by the following Thursday.

Evidence Me

Evidence Me is used in school to take photographs and collect evidence of your child learning. We are very excited this year to have a parent share option. The 'Parent Share' feature enables you to view your child's reports and photographs via the app or web suite, showing you what your child has been learning and the new skills they are developing. You can send us your comments and feedback by simply adding them to the reports. This will help our staff to support your child even more effectively in the classroom.

You can also take an active role in contributing to your child's observation portfolio by uploading your own observations, simply add these to the app or web suite.

At the meet the teacher meetings in July you gave us your email details and we will use this to create your log in. You will be able to use this log in if you download the app or go onto the web suite online. We will send more details out about this shortly.

Start of term dates and times: Due to covid-19 restrictions we are implementing a staggered start and finish system across the whole school so the allocated times for the Reception classes are:

Week beginning 31.08.19:	Morning session	9.00-11.30
	Afternoon session	12.30-3.00

Week beginning 07.9.19 onwards: All children full time 8.55- 3.10

Unfortunately parents will not be able to come into school with their children but a member of the team will welcome them at the door where they will wave goodbye.

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 Morgan and Mrs Tyler
Class Teachers