



# Reception Newsletter



## Autumn 2017

Welcome to Blue Class. Here is some general information which I hope will help you and your child settle quickly and enjoy their year with us. From Monday 11th September, we are asking for children to say goodbye at the gate and come into their classroom independently. A member of staff from each class will be on hand if support is needed.

### Staff

Miss Holton - Class Teacher  
Mrs Bonfield - Key Worker  
Miss Oldfield - Key Worker  
Mrs Cherry - Speech and Language support

### Belongings

Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.  
PE kit is kept in school at all times and will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. If PE kits are dirty before this, we will let you know.

### Curriculum

**Literacy** - Phonics - Letters & Sounds phase 2, sequencing stories, name writing, writing labels and early reading skills.

**Communication & Language** - Expressing views and opinions, listening to others, circle times.

**Physical Development** - Pencil control, personal care and hygiene, moving in a variety of ways and spacial awareness.

**Personal, Social, and Emotional Development** - New relationships, rules and expectations, emotions and feelings.

**Maths** - Number recognition, matching numeral to quantity, shape, ordering numbers and size and pattern.

**Understanding the World** - Me, my body, my family, health, growth and senses. Exploring technology. British values and diversity.

**Expressive Arts and Design** - Model building, painting, exploring music, singing and construction.

### Key Worker Groups

**A copy of the key worker groups are attached for your information. There are 3 key groups – Apples, Blueberries & Strawberries.**

### **Daily Routines**

**Our daily routines are attached for your information.**

**PE will be on a Friday. Please ensure all earrings are removed.**

### **Communication**

A member of staff from each Reception class will be on the gate every morning to welcome the children and take any messages or answer any queries you may have. The teacher will be available at the end of the day, or alternatively you can book an appointment via the office. If you have any concerns, please speak to us so we can resolve any issues swiftly.



### **Dates for your diary**

**28<sup>th</sup> September - Phonics talk 1.30pm and 5.00pm**

**28<sup>th</sup> September - Stay & Play 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

**12<sup>th</sup> October – Friends of Longmeadow welcome party – 5.30pm – 6.30pm**

**Further details will follow**

### **Reading and Homework**

At Longmeadow, we expect children to read on a regular basis. We will be introducing our home reading scheme next week. The children have the opportunity to change their book 3 times a week. Reading diaries and book bags will be checked on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by Tuesday.