

# Recreation Road Infant School Newsletter 1

## Current News:



Welcome back to all our families and staff and a particular welcome to new members of staff: Anna Franklin in Jays and Jo Pointer in Crows.

With regard to headship roles we would like to inform you that Serena will be in post Monday-Wednesday and Michael will be in post on Thursday-Fridays.

We are looking forward to hearing all about the Summer from the children and finding out what they have been up to. Some of you may have been involved in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library. Do come and share that news with us.

Our first few assemblies will focus on The Olympic and Para-Olympic values: Friendship, Respect and Excellence – along with the four **Paralympic values** – Determination, Inspiration, Courage and Equality.

### REMINDERS

Please keep office staff updated with new phone numbers and emergency contacts.

### REMINDERS

Write your child's name in as many items of clothing as you can.

### REMINDERS

All late arrivals must come and sign in at the office please.

### Online safety

Our theme this half term is reminding everyone on not sharing information online

### Equalities and Inclusion

We have many great new resources. Classes will be using these to celebrate difference and similarities

### PTA

Coffee on 22/9/16 in hall from 9:10.

Come and see what our PTA does and what they plan to do.

### Safeguarding

Please do not use the school toilets before or after school as Sunflower Club require their children to have access to them.

Once in school parents should not be in the children's toilet areas but should allow their child to use the facility by themselves.

We hope that you respect our request.

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## Teaching and Learning:

Our staff attended some great training on 1<sup>st</sup> September with colleagues from our Cluster of Local schools.

Teaching staff attended a conference led by Hywel Roberts on the theme of inquiry-based learning and “Imagineering”. We hope to share our approaches to Inquiry and our use of Mantle of the Expert with you through a workshop session this term.



Our Teaching assistants attended a range of Special Education training including speech and language, maths development and physical development.

Additional Provision:

We plan to open The Nest facility as soon as possible to provide focussed nurture support for small groups of children.

Gardening Activities will also be continuing particularly with our Year 1 cohort as part of their science curriculum.

Our Year 2 children will have the opportunity to swim regularly this year and we hope they can all make as good progress as our last year's Year Twos.

### **A Message from our Governing Body:**

Recreation Road Infant School is committed to welcoming all children and families to our school community, celebrating the richness of diversity and promoting positive cultural identity. We aim to ensure that all children, whatever their ethnic or cultural background, their gender, their economic status, their family make-up, or their special educational and disability needs have the very best opportunities to thrive and to make progress academically, emotionally and socially.

We do expect all visitors to school to behave in an appropriate way and, where we have been advised by the county's legal services, may ban parents from the premises for nuisance and disturbance.