

# Recreation Road Infant Newsletter 1 September 2017



## An Important Message from our Staff and 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.

## Current News:

Welcome back to all our families and staff and a particular welcome to new members of staff: Laura Fiddeman in Swifts and due to Jo Pointer moving on in the summer, Becky Brown in Owls.

With regard to headship roles we would like to inform you that Serena will be in school Wednesday-Fridays and Michael will be in HT post on Mondays-Tuesdays. Michael will take over the full time HT role in January.

Naomi Potter, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator will be in school Monday-Wednesday.

## Kiwi Fruit

**We have a child with a severe allergy to Kiwi fruit both through contact and ingestion and so would ask you not to provide Kiwi fruits in lunch boxes or as a fruit snack.**

### REMINDERS

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

### 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:** We will be using materials from Espresso during assemblies this term to remind children about staying safe online. Please have a look at the materials on our school website too.

### **Equalities and Inclusion**

We have started our term by talking to the children in assembly about how individual they all are. We have used a book called Only One You.

### **PTA and MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September in hall from 9:10. Please come and join us.

### **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 Inquiry Based Learning with colleagues from our network of schools and they will be continuing to develop their practice over the term through other professional development sessions.

Our teaching assistants also received training on developing maths opportunities through play. Maths development will be a key feature of our school improvement plan over the next few years.

**We will be opening The Nest facility as soon as possible to provide focussed nurture support for small groups of children. All our classes have Nurture Principles embedded in their practice.**

## The Principles of Nurture Groups/Schools

- 1. Children's learning is understood developmentally
- 2. The classroom/school offers a safe base
- 3. Nurture is important for the development of self-esteem
- 4. Language is understood as a vital means of communication
- 5. All behaviour is communication
- 6. Transitions are significant in the lives of children

## Dates:

**School Photos- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**School Closed for Staff Training- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Half Term Break- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Xmas Break- 20<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Please do not take holidays in term time as these will be unauthorised. It is important for children to attend school regularly and be punctual on their arrival.**

**Attendance under 85% will be monitored by school and potentially by Attendance Officers from the Local Authority.**

