

Recreation Road Infant School

Newsletter 1

September 2013



It has been great to have you all back at school and we have enjoyed getting to know our new Reception children and their families. It has been lovely to hear about all the books the children read as part of the **Library Summer Reading Challenge**.

Welcome to our new members of staff: Ms Charley Little, Ms Ashleigh Cunningham, Ms Jo Westgate and Ms Sam Culling. We are also really pleased to welcome back our office star, Hazel Fountain.

Our Gorilla has also re-joined us and we will be holding a poll on VLE to elect a good place in school for Peanuts to live. I hope many of you managed to find all the Gorillas on the trail in Norwich throughout the summer. They were great, weren't they!

We are holding Welcome Back meetings for parents and carers over the next few weeks so that you can meet the staff working with your child and also get some information about classroom routines and timetables. Our formal Parent- Teacher Interviews will be held in the week beginning Monday 21st October with Thursday 14th October being a night for later appointments. Information about making appointments will be available from Monday 7th October-please refer to your own classteacher.

Lost Property

Please make sure that names are in clothes and plimsolls/wellies. This time of year the weather is so changeable and children will take layers off during playtime and leave them on the field or playground.

If you have lost an item there is a bin in the corridor alongside the hall where found things are put.

Please help to keep this tidy if you do have a rummage!

When this starts to overflow we take items to the local Charity shop.

Free School Meals

Please consider whether you are eligible for this and apply even if you do not wish to take up the meal. School funding is partly based on the number of FSM pupils and it will generate income for Pupil Premium for us which will enable us to provide targeted activities.

School Attendance

I have enclosed the letter regarding school attendance and the changes to legislation from September 2013 regarding holidays. It is really important to attend regularly and to arrive punctually so that the children can settle and participate in all of the learning.

We are aware that young children do pick up a variety of illness and we would urge you to make contact with us on the first day of absence to inform us of any illness. It is also important that children do remain absent for the designated period of time (48 hours) if they have had sickness and/or diarrhoea. This will help reduce the spread of infection.

Newsletters and Communications:



We aim to produce a whole school newsletter monthly. This will come as a hard copy in your child's bookbag and will also be available on our school website. **PLEASE GET INTO THE HABIT OF CHECKING BOOKBAGS EACH EVENING.**

Reading For Pleasure newsletters will be issued each term-please feel free to contribute ideas about reading to this via my email.

All children will be encouraged to log on to our **VLE** and share with their families the activities and news that is on there. We aim to increase the children's participation in decision making through the use of the poll facility and so hope that you can support them in using this.

Classes will produce their own newsletters and information is also posted on the parent/carer noticeboards in each class or the exterior windows.

Dates for your Diary:

MacMillan Coffee Morning- Friday 27th September from 9:00 in the hall

Children's Book Week- begins Monday 7th Oct

PTA AGM on Wednesday 16th Oct at 7:30 in Staffroom

Parent-Teacher Interviews- begin Monday 21st October

HALF TERM- Week beginning Monday 28th October

Return to school on Monday 4th November