

## Woodside Church Of England Primary School

### Termly Information to Parents

#### Year Reception. AUTUMN TERM



Dear Parents and Guardians,  
Welcome to Ash class (Reception)! We hope your child has a really enjoyable time in Reception learning and growing as they go.  
We are very proud of how well the children have settled and how grown up they are coming into school all by themselves.

#### **Topics for half term**

Nursery rhymes/ Goldilocks and the Three Bears  
Ourselves  
Autumn

#### **Labelling clothes**

As you can imagine, the children in Reception find it very difficult to keep track of their own clothes. So, to make things easier for them ( and us !) can you ensure all of their school uniform, PE kit and welly walk clothes have their name in. Thank you.

#### **Snack Money**

In Reception we ask parents if they would kindly make a weekly contribution to snack money. It is just a small donation of 50p a week to provide the children with a wider variety of fruit for snack time and toast on a Wednesday after our long Welly Walks. We also use it for any little extras in the classroom such as cooking materials. You can pay this half termly, termly or for the whole year, whichever suits. The amount for this half term is £3.00, for the term it is £6.50 or for the whole year it is £16. Please send the money into the classroom in an envelope with your child's name on it. Thank you.

#### **Pick Up and Drop off**

Please could you ensure that your child waits near you on the path at the start of the day before the gates open and you are respecting social distancing by staying 2 metres apart. Thank you for bearing with us at home time, we will get used to your faces and the process will speed up.

#### **PE**

PE day will be every Friday morning, please send your child in their outdoor PE kit with some sturdy trainers. We will aim to do PE outside most weeks, unless the weather stops us.

We will also regularly go out on the running track for a run. Children will receive certificates for this, after completing certain distances. The certificate we will be aiming for is the 5 mile award.

### **Wellie Walks**

As we mentioned at the information session, we hope to provide the children with a weekly welly walk around the local area. This walk has proved very popular with child and adults alike in the past. For the time being, we will be staying in the school grounds, so will not require any adult helpers. Welly walk will be every Wednesday morning starting from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. With the winter months approaching the children will need waterproofs and wellies for this activity. As the weather deteriorates the walks can get quite muddy so jogging bottoms to walk in are also a good idea. Please send the waterproofs in every Wednesday morning and we will return them every Wednesday evening. Wellies, however, can be left in school.



### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure, if your child is bringing a water bottle, that they are named and only contain water. We do have cups of water available to drink throughout the day and your child is eligible for free school milk until they are 5 (**you have to register for this on the School milk website**).

### **Assessment**

Over the next few weeks we will be carrying out a 'Baseline Assessment' of your child. This is nothing to worry about, we just want to find out what your child already knows. The assessments are very informal and relaxed and your child won't really be aware that an assessment is being carried out.

### **DT Project**

We will be taking part in a DT week, where the children will be asked to build a model of their home. We will let you know more nearer the time, but we will be asking the children to provide their own cardboard boxes.

### **Collective Worship**

Finally, we will start to join Friday's collective worship via Zoom with the rest of the school. During this collective worship, your child may start to be awarded with merit badges and head teacher awards, so please look out for your child coming home with these stickers, they will love telling you all about them. The head teacher awards will also be posted on the website each week.

If you have any queries or concerns please do come and see one of the Reception team,

Thank you.

Miss Court and Mrs Hudspith ☺