



13th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME TO RECEPTION AT DELAPRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope that you have had a lovely summer and are ready to start this exciting journey, here at Delapre. This week, we are looking forward to getting to know your child and supporting them whilst they settle into their class. At this time, you are welcome to come into class for the first 10 minutes (unfortunately we do not have room for pushchairs or prams).

Once the children are in full time, we will be encouraging more independence and would like the children to come into the room by themselves. We would however, like to invite you in every Friday morning for 10 minutes, which will allow your child to share with you what they do every morning and show you the classroom. This is also a time where you can talk to any staff in Reception.

TIMES AND DATES

W/c 20th September

This week, all children will attend school from 8:45am-1:15pm. They will be staying for lunch, so please make sure you have either ordered their hot meal** or brought in a lunchbox.

W/c 27th September

This week, all children will be in full time 8:45am-3:00pm. PE also starts this week.

'FRESH START' SCHOOL LUNCHES**

By now, you should have been given an Activation Letter for Fresh Start Hot School Meals, with a unique code and password for your child.

These delicious meals are free for all children in Reception, so please sign up as soon as you can, as your child will be staying for lunch from Monday 20th September. If you have not signed up, or ordered meals in time, you will need to send a packed lunch in with your child next week.

WATER BOTTLE

Please ensure your child has a **NAMED** water bottle every day. We ask that you only provide your child with water and avoid squash.



PE

Your child will have PE **ONCE** a week and they will get changed into their PE clothes in school. To support your child to be more independent, please encourage them to practise dressing at home as this can be quite a challenge for them. All items of clothing need to be **CLEARLY NAMED**. Your child will bring their PE bag home at the end of every term for you to wash and check everything still fits.

PE days are as follows: **Monday – RT, Tuesday – RB and Thursday – RJ**

BIG PICTURE

Every term you will be sent our 'Big Picture' which explains what we will be learning throughout the term. We will also send you a weekly letter to inform you of any notices along the way.

NAMEBOARDS

Throughout the year we will be working together to support your child to learn and there will be times where we ask for your support. One of these is supporting your child to write their name. Please see your child's nameboard and pen within your child's bag. This is for your child to keep at home. We will also use a nameboard in school. Using the correct pencil grip is extremely important, so we encourage children to hold the pen between their finger and thumb. We also show them where to start each letter and which direction they need to go. In Reception, we focus on using the lower-case letters first so please encourage these when writing at home. We will move on to the upper-case letters later in the year.

'WOW' MOMENTS

We enjoy celebrating each other's achievements and would like your child to have the opportunity to share any 'Wow' moments that they may have at home. For example, learning something new, being brave, being independent etc. Please record these special moments on a 'Wow' slip and bring them into school. We will add more into your child's bag every term, and please feel free to ask a staff member in reception for more of these if you need them.

PHONICS AND READING

To support teaching your child to read and write we use the phonic scheme called Read Write Inc. We will be inviting you to a meeting on Monday 4th October at either 2pm or 5pm, to share this scheme and explain what is important for your child (more details to follow).

We look forward to getting to know you and your child. Please feel free to talk to any staff in Reception if you have any questions or queries. We are always happy to help!

Yours faithfully



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