



# Reception Induction Meeting For Parents and Carers 2023

# Welcome – Mrs Hawker



# At Park Street C of E Primary School our strengths are:

- ▶ The positive relationships established between staff, governors, children and the school community as a whole
- ▶ Our values: Honesty & Respect, Friendship & Kindness, Learning and Fun
- ▶ The high quality education we provide to all children
- ▶ The happy, safe and secure learning environment
- ▶ Providing an educational experience within the context of Christian beliefs and practices.





# Staff in Class 1 – Owl Class

- ▶ Teachers: Mrs. List (Monday to Friday am)
  - Mrs. Shankland / Mrs Johnson some afternoons



- ▶ Teaching Assistants: Mrs Borbas

# Classroom Visit – Stay and play

- ▶ You are invited to visit us at Park Street C of E Primary School on:

Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup>      &  
1.30-2.30pm

Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>  
9.30-10.30am

- ▶ During these sessions we will encourage the children to stay and play in the classroom and meet their new friends and teachers. Adults will be offered a chance to meet other parents in the hall and have a drink.

# Home Visits

- ▶ Teachers are planning to visit your child at home in the days before they start school.
- ▶ These visits help greatly in the settling process, enhancing the relationship between the setting and the home, and so benefiting both the child, parents/carers and staff.
- ▶ The visits allow us to share information, ask and answer questions and get to know one another.
- ▶ Meeting practitioners in their own home, where they feel secure, is reassuring for the children.

# Timeline for Starting School

► Week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September -

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 only

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Home visits

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Reception group 1

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Reception group 2

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Reception group 3

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - all children in for the morning.

Children will be at school from 9:00am until  
11:45am

# Timeline for Starting School

- ▶ **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September -**

All children will be in school for the morning and will stay at school for lunch. School lunch is provided free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

School hours: 9:00am until 12:30pm.

Collection at 12:30pm everyday this week.



# Timeline for Starting School

- ▶ **Week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September -**  
All children will be in school everyday for the whole day:

**8.45am - 3:15pm**

**If you/we feel your child is not ready for full time school we will talk together about a reduced timetable.**

# Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage ( EYFS)

- The EYFS is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

## Aims of the Reception year:

- To continue developing skills as a learner
  - To unlock children's potential
- To foster independence, interest and enquiry
  - To make friends
- To learn how to get on with others and solve conflict appropriately
- To become 'schoolised' (not institutionalised!)

# Characteristics of Effective Learning

- ▶ Playing and exploring - engagement
- ▶ Finding out and exploring
- ▶ Playing with what they know
- ▶ Being willing to 'have a go'
  
- ▶ Active learning - motivation
- ▶ Being involved and concentrating
- ▶ Keeping trying
- ▶ Enjoying achieving what they set out to do
  
- ▶ Creating and thinking critically - thinking
- ▶ Having their own ideas
- ▶ Making links
- ▶ Choosing ways to do things

# The 7 Areas of Learning...

## The Foundation Stage Curriculum:

### PRIME AREAS

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Communication and Language
3. Physical Development

These are crucial for developing children's curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.

## Then there are 4 SPECIFIC AREAS:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
  - Expressive Art and Design



# Learning Themes

- ▶ We learn through topics each half term:

Autumn Term Topics:

- ▶ Autumn 1 - Ready, Steady Go!
- ▶ Autumn 2 - Trip to a Museum - toys now and in the past

Spring Term Topics:

- ▶ Spring 1 - Up, up and away - exploring space
- ▶ Spring 2 - Potty about Plants/Dragons and Giants

Summer Term Topics:

- ▶ Summer 1 - We are world explorers
- ▶ Summer 2 - I do like to be beside the seaside



# A typical day in Owl Class

- ▶ Children come in by themselves and self register
- ▶ Self select activities available, initially free choice, leads into carousel of key phonics and maths activities when children are ready
- ▶ First carpet time - English
- ▶ Child initiated play
- ▶ Phonics
- ▶ Playtime (water bottle needed, fruit snack provided)
- ▶ Second carpet time - maths focus
- ▶ Child initiated play
- ▶ Lunchtime - Play on Jesus Green - when we're ready
- ▶ Afternoon carpet time then child initiated play
- ▶ Story-time/fine motor activities/circle time
- ▶ Home-time: Children are collected from the classroom (playground exit), they show the teacher who their parents/carers are before leaving
- ▶ All children should leave the school with their adult.

# Typical Child Initiated Opportunities

Free flow during CP inside and out

- ▶ Adventure shed
- ▶ Giant and small loose parts
- ▶ Waterplay and mud kitchen
- ▶ Bikes
- ▶ Small world play
- ▶ Message centre
- ▶ Reading opportunities
- ▶ Messy play
- ▶ 'Busy Fingers'
- ▶ Creation station



Develop independence and self awareness

# Phonics

- ▶ At Park Street we will be using the 'Little Wandle' phonics programme.
- ▶ This is a consistent and rigorous programme, with the aim to teach EVERY child to read and write. Children learn 44 sounds (phonemes) and the corresponding letter/letters. They learn to read words using segmenting (sounding out each individual sound) and blending (putting all the sounds together to form the whole word). Using synthetic phonics, children quickly learn to blend letters sounds together. The children read lively stories using the words they have learned.
- ▶ There will be a phonics meeting for parents during the school day in the first half term.

# Religious Education



- ▶ We are a Church of England primary school
- ▶ We aim to serve the community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian beliefs and practices.
- ▶ We promote Christian values through the experience we offer all pupils.
- ▶ We have a link with Great St. Mary's Church in Cambridge and also other local churches.
- ▶ We have a daily act of collective worship and we explore our feelings and beliefs through weekly RE and PSHE lessons.



# What can you do to help your child's learning when they begin school?

- ▶ Help develop independence- getting themselves dressed, going to the toilet, feeding themselves
  - ▶ Sharing books, talking about the pictures
  - ▶ Reading Book, make comments in their reading diary
  - ▶ Read/share books at least four times per week
  - ▶ Ongoing - encourage mark making, shopping lists, writing postcards, letters etc.
  - ▶ Encourage children to talk, ask and answer questions
  - ▶ Practise Maths at any time - counting, looking for numbers in the environment, identify shapes and patterns
  - ▶ Play simple board games
  - ▶ Sing number rhymes and songs together
  - ▶ Support any homework that comes home, sounds and number work.
- Talk to us and keep us updated!



# Home/School Communication

- ▶ Fears and worries - please come and talk to us! You know your child better than we do!
- ▶ Tapestry - all about me
- ▶ Partnership - we believe in working together
- ▶ Parents' Consultations
- ▶ Reading Records
- ▶ Reading books, phonics activities, maths mat
- ▶ PTA - coffee mornings

# Clothing

- ▶ We are have a simple school uniform.
- ▶ White, sky blue or navy polo shirt (doesn't have to be branded)
- ▶ Black or navy joggers, leggings, skirts, pinafores, trousers.
- ▶ Navy sweatshirt needed for PE but could be worn everyday or navy cardigan or fleece.
- ▶ In warm weather children will be most comfortable in shorts or blue gingham dresses.
- ▶ <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/ParkStreetPrimaryCB5/>



# Clothing

- ▶ Please ensure children wear appropriate clothing and that names are in EVERYTHING!
- ▶ Send coats EVERYDAY (preferably waterproof) and waterproof trousers in winter.
- ▶ Sensible shoes - no laces if possible
- ▶ No jewellery (unless for religious reasons)
- ▶ On PE day please come to school in PE kit - we will let you know when it is during home visit
- ▶ A pair of wellington boots, named, to stay in school

# The First Few Days ...

There can be a lot to remember in the first few days, but please do not worry as your child will quickly be teaching you the routines!

Book bag  
everyday



Tired!

All clothing  
named!

Water bottle  
(named)

Lunch box  
everyday (if  
having  
packed lunch)

Free fruit in  
the morning

# Other matters...

- ▶ Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child!

## Medical

- Current Covid-19 guidance; stay at home if you have symptoms, get a PCR test and let us know as soon as they have symptoms. Children can return 3 days after a positive test as long as they are symptom free.
- Any sickness or diarrhoea must be followed by at least 48 hours absence.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Any absence requires a telephone call to the school office by 9:15am
- Any prescribed medication can only be administered by prior arrangement with the school office and completion of a form.



# Any questions?



# Thank you

We look forward to a happy partnership in your child's first year at school and beyond.



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