



January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and are all fit and healthy for the New Year.

With this letter is attached an overview of some of the things your child will learn this term. In Reception we always try to plan according to the children's interests so things are subject to change!

### Topic

This term our topic will be 'Countries and Cultures'. As part of this we will be looking at different parts of the world, how you travel there and different festivals. We will also work on a couple of mini topics such as 'Chinese New Year' and 'Easter'.

### Learning journals

This half term we are trialling an online learning journal system internally. While we do this we will not be adding to the books we currently use, although we will continue completing observations as normal. After half term we will write to you again and let you know how we are intending to do learning journals in the future. Please be aware that while you will be able to see your child's journal up to Christmas at parents evening, any observations completed January onwards will be online.

### Timings

Please be aware we start at 8.45am. We open before the main school so that the younger children can be dropped off first. During this time we have fine motor activities which are essential for developing the children's strength ready for writing. We also have an adult on the door for safety reasons. It is important that this adult returns to their class to support the children as quickly as possible. Please try to be on time. Registers are taken at 9am and anybody arriving after this time will be sent to the school office so that you can register your child as late before bringing them to class.

### Uniform

Please be aware that we go outside in **ALL** weathers and bring your child into school dressed appropriately. Please provide your child with a pair of named wellies as the garden can get quite muddy due to the weather.

Please could you ensure **ALL** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's full name, including their shoes, gloves, hats, etc.

Children are asked not to wear any jewellery in school. If your child has pierced ears they are allowed to wear plain studs only. These will need to be covered with micropore tape when we start P.E.

### Snack

Snack money this term is £5 until half term, or £11 for the term. The preferred method of payment is 'School Gateway'. If you are paying in cash/cheque please make sure money is sent in with your child's name, class and amount written clearly on the envelope. The office cannot accept any money that is not in an envelope. We really do appreciate the payment of snack money so that we can provide your child with a variety of snacks during the day but also it allows us to buy ingredients for cooking and curriculum enrichment.

### Milk

When your child turns 5 they are no longer eligible for the free milk scheme. The week of your child's birthday they will stop the order. If you wish your child to continue receiving milk you need to order milk from [www.coolmilk.co.uk](http://www.coolmilk.co.uk). Please note they require 2 weeks notice to start sending milk again.

### Birthdays

When your child has a birthday we like to celebrate with them in school. As part of our 'healthy school policy' and due to allergies in class, we would ask you not to send in anything edible. If you would like to bring anything we would always appreciate a book for the class library.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to us and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Saunders and Mrs Elliott