

This week in Reception

Despite being very tired, the children have taken a week of full days in their stride and continue to be happy and engaged! The children are becoming familiar with the lunchtime choices and routines and gaining confidence in this area.

Thank you to all parents for getting to grips with the start and end of the day and where to line up as your child's class is called.

- Lions Class – 8:50 drop-off and 15:20 pick-up
- Tigers Class – 8:55 drop-off and 15:25 pick-up
- Bears Class – 9:00 drop-off and 15:30 pick-up

If you are late to drop off your child, please enter the school via the main gate (Kilmorie Road) and sign your child in with the office staff, who will then escort them down to their classroom.

Likewise, the EYFS gate is only staffed until around 15:35 at the end of the day so if you are late to collect, please do so from the main office.

Little Wandle Phonics

This week we began our new Little Wandle phonics programme, teaching the sounds s, a, t and p.



We also practised blending sounds together by playing sound-talking games such as 'Can you touch your....' (f-ee-t, h-ea-d, ear-s etc.) and 'Can you do the action?' (n-o-d your heads, c-l-a-p your hands etc.). The children approached the learning with lots of enthusiasm and are quickly picking up the new sounds.

Next Week:

Until now, the children have stayed in the Reception playground after lunch but from next week, they will be going out into the main playground. This is exciting but sometimes challenging for a few children. We will, of course, support them with this new routine but they may also want some reassurance at home.

Book bags

Please only send in your child's book bag on the day written on the front of their yellow reading journal.

Individual time with Teachers

We are required by the government to individually work with each child at the beginning of the year to assess their development. As always at Kilmore, this will be fun and used to get to know your child better. This will take place over the next few weeks so you may hear your child talking about playing 1:1 games with a teacher. However, we recognise that the best way to get to know your children is to observe and interact with them in their play.

A polite request

You will most likely be aware that parents are no longer allowed to cut through the Reception playground into the main school playground, please use the alleyway. However, there are some slight caveats to this rule;

- **Morning drop-off:** If you are a Nursery or Reception parent, with an older child. In this case you may cut through from the Early Years playground to the main playground in the morning in order to drop off an older child in good time. This will be allowed because staff will already be on duty in the main playground to ensure everybody's safety.
- **Afternoon pick-up:** You will **not be allowed** to cut through the Early Years playground after picking up a Nursery or Reception child, because the main gate on Kilmore Road will not yet be open and some classes will still be taking place outside. This is to safeguard all children.
- Please remember that at drop-off and pick-up times, the alleyway alongside the school is always open for quick access to either side.

Requests:

- Please send in small boxes and collage bits for junk modelling.
- Please name all clothing including boots

Boxes:

Thank you to those of you who have completed your child's special boxes. The ones we have seen are looking wonderful! Going forward, please only bring your child's box

to school when they are chosen to be one of the weekly focus children (Child of the Week/Special Helper Manager/Class Pet Carer) as this will allow us to evenly space out the presentation of the boxes.

Dates for the Diary:

- **Monday 26th September** – European Day of Languages (we will use this as a lovely opportunity to learn more about the many languages in our Reception cohort!)
- **Friday 30th September** – School photos will be taken during school day. If you wish to have a sibling photo you are welcome to bring your children, after school, to the community room on Tuesday 27th or Friday 30th from 3.30pm.
- **Thursday 20th October** – Provisional date for parent/carer Little Wandle phonics training (this will be offered in-person during the morning or on Teams after school). More information to follow.

Best wishes,

The Reception Team

