

Reception Class Newsletter 12th September 2014



It's the end of our second week and our first full week, well done everyone! As I said last week, it is still very early days. The children are experiencing a major transition in their lives and it affects everyone in different ways. Some children may seem to be fine and then they have a wobble after a few weeks, others adapt quickly, while some take much longer. However they do all get there in the end.

This week has been such a busy week! Mrs Newbould and I have been continuing to carry out our baseline assessments of the children as well as encouraging them to develop positive relationships with each other. Everyone has now shared their special Treasure boxes. Thank you again for all your hard work they are all amazing! We have had our first visit to the computer suite and played a game where we used the mouse to get teddy dressed. We also had two PE sessions in the hall. On Monday we just took shoes and socks off, but on Wednesday we got changed into our full PE kits. Hopefully everyone went home in the right clothes and with their shoes on the right feet! We do try our best but occasionally things get muddled. It might be a good idea on Mondays and Wednesdays to check your child has all their own clothes!



The children met Turbo, our Giant African snail this week, and spent the day observing him and seeing what he got up to and where he went! We looked at a globe to find Africa and compared its size to England. For ease we talked about Africa being made up of lots of other countries and discussed the animals we would find living wild there. Today we found out a little bit about the moon and talked about travelling around in space as we have been counting backwards, blasting rockets into space. We have begun to learn some songs for Harvest and talk about why we celebrate Harvest. There has been plenty of singing and stories too.

Mrs Johnson came and taught the class yesterday afternoon whilst I had my PPA (planning, preparation and assessment time) and spent a lovely afternoon talking further about Harvest.

Unfortunately if your child is unwell with any sickness or diarrhoea they need to be absent from school for 48 hours from the last time they were unwell, to be

sure they are free of the bug. This is Cheshire East policy and I know lots of pre-schools and nurseries followed this policy too. I hope that clears up any confusion that may have arisen.

You will have noticed the children have come home this week with a picture book to share with you. We will aim to change these books 3 times a week, this week it has been twice. Next Monday your child will come home with their school planner. This is for us to communicate with each other and you can use it to record the books that your child brings home to share with you. There will be a welcome note in the planner which will explain further how we will use them. We ask that the planners come to school every day. There will be a basket in the outdoor area for the planner to go into. They will be sent back at the end of the day.

Could you please double check everything is named, including snack pots and water bottles. We had a plain blue unnamed cardigan go missing this week, please could you check you don't have it at home.

Congratulations to Ellie and Henry our two stars of the week for last week and Joshua and Wesley our two stars of the week for this week. Each week each teacher can only choose two children to be stars of the week for that week. It is never an easy choice! Each 'star' receives a certificate and wears a special metal star badge. Star badges are collected the following Friday to be worn by another child so please return them! All the stars for a particular week have their photograph taken and are recorded in our 'star of the week' books. Children can be stars for a variety of reasons. So please reassure your child if that have not been chosen that you know they are a star and hope fully they will be chosen soon!

We also have our special VIP tables in the hall on Friday lunchtimes. Our Midday assistants choose six children from Key Stage One and six from Key Stage Two to sit at the tables and be waited on by a member of staff. Usually the table is decorated and there is a treat for the children. Again children are chosen for a variety of reasons from good manners to using their knife and fork correctly. This week Xanthe and Wesley were chosen from Reception. Congratulations to them both.

Phew! Think that is everything for this week!
Many thanks,
Mrs Rogers and Mrs Newbould