

## Reception Class Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Apologies that last week's newsletter didn't get send out when I thought it had. You normally only get one letter a week!



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. And that goes for parents too!


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. Almost everyone has now shared their special Treasure boxes. Thank you again for all your hard work they are all amazing! We have 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!



We talked about the Queen this week and some of us made sparkly crowns just like the ones the Queen sometimes wears. We have been on a couple of welly walks, enjoying the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', to provide us with some inspiration before we went. Thank you to everyone who has sent wellies in, if you haven't please could we ask that you send in a named pair as soon as possible. (We have spares so everyone wore some on our walks – but it is nice for the children to have their own).

Mrs Ling came back and taught the class yesterday afternoon whilst I had my PPA (planning, preparation and assessment time) and spent a lovely afternoon with the children. She also had them today.

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. Your child has also brought home 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 and shoes!

Congratulations to Lily and Stanley our two stars of the week for last week and Etienne and Keeley 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 they have not been chosen that you know they are a star and hopefully 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 Maisie Lou and Thomas were chosen from Reception. Congratulations to them both.

I just want to clarify that the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings are NOT parent/teacher meetings. They are a smaller version of the meeting that you had in June. Parent/teacher meetings where you have an individual appointment to talk about your child, take place in October and you will be invited to attend nearer the time. However we do operate an 'open door' policy and you do not need to wait until then to discuss any issues/concerns/questions. Because of our meeting in June we wait until the children have settled in.

Phew! Think that is everything for this week!

Many thanks,  
Mrs Rogers and Mrs Newbould