

Reception Newsletter

A huge welcome to Tudhoe Colliery Primary School! We hope you are all excited to start school and are ready to have lots of fun.

We cannot tell you how excited we are to be working with your children! We have heard from staff at their nurseries how wonderful they all are!

We would also like to take some time to introduce the amazing Miss McGillivray, Miss Page and Miss Brace who will be working in Reception this year. We are all so privileged to have them in our classroom. Please feel free to come and speak to any of the Early Years team with any questions or queries you may have.

Clothing

We aim to keep the children as active as possible during break and lunch times and therefore all children will need to wear practical footwear for school daily.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly labelled with your child's name. Any lost property will be put in a box in the staff room.



P.E Kit

Children will be required to come into school dressed in their **PE kit on a Tuesday**. Please ensure all PE kit is also named. If your child wears earrings, they will need to be removed by your child, removed before school, or tape can be provided for the PE session. Please see letter sent for additional information.



Outdoor Area

We are very lucky to have our own outdoor play area, which we will use every day. Please ensure your child brings a warm coat and named hats, gloves and scarves for the cold weather. You may also want to send wellies for your child to use/keep at school.



Water

Children are encouraged to bring a small, named water bottle to school **every day**. These should contain water and taken home every evening to be rinsed and refilled.



Medication

If your child has been prescribed medication you **MUST** fill in a form which can be found on the school website or at the school office, and inform a member of the teaching team. We cannot administer any medication without written consent and instruction.



Dream Reading

This year we are continuing our popular 'Dream Reading' scheme. This is designed to provide children with opportunities to share age related childhood books with their adults at home. The books are designed to be read by the adult and this provides brilliant learning opportunities.

Homework

Homework and reading books will be phased in over this half term and reading. Additional information regarding homework and reading will be provided in our first parent workshop on **Wednesday 15th September 2021**.

Fruit

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children receive fruit daily. We also have a snack station in our class for the children to enjoy throughout the day. Please tell a member of staff if your child has any allergies.





This is our first **class story** and where possible we will be basing learning activities around this book. The story explores feelings and colours in a fun and gentle way.

We're going on a 'book' hunt!



In Reception, we are going on our very own book hunt! Each child will be given a map which leads to a treasure chest—how exciting! To earn clues (which take them closer to the treasure) each week, we ask the children read their reading books at least 4 times a week and for this to be recorded by their adults in their homework book. If the children earn all of the clues they will make it all the way to the treasure chest and receive the prize inside! More information on homework and reading will be given in our first parent workshop on **Wednesday 15th September 2021**.

A day in the life of Reception

- 9:00am—Registration
- 9:00am—9:50am—Phonics and reading (Read, Write, Inc.)
- 9:50am—10:40am—Writing
- 10:40am—10:55am—Assembly
- 10:55am—11:10am—Break Time
- 11:40am—12:30am—Maths
- 12:30am—1:00pm—Lunch time (Longer for lunch is given in first two weeks)
- 1:00pm—1:30pm—Break time
- 1:30pm—3:00pm—Curriculum (Topic, Art, PE, Science etc.)
- 3:00pm—3:30pm—Story time
- 3:30pm—Home Time

Throughout the day, there are lots of opportunities for the children to lead their own learning during **Choosing Time**.

Star of the week ★★★★★

Every Friday, one child will be chosen as 'Star of the Week' for good behaviour, good work, or a special achievement. They will bring home Pete, a cuddly penguin with his own book of adventures. Please take photos or help your child draw a picture of something they have done with Pete over the weekend. You may also help them write about it. Please return Pete on Monday morning so they can share their news with the class.



Handwashing

Throughout the day the children will be encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds, as well as sanitising at various points.



Marvellous ME and Seesaw

These apps are a great way of us sharing your child's achievements and praising them for their hard work. We also send updates about what the children are up to so please keep an eye out!



Topics

Our first topic this term is 'I am special'. We will explore what makes us special, our homes, families, growth, senses and how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. Further activities will stem from the children's interests. We will also be introducing phonics this term and exploring the season of Autumn.



If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at school. We can make appointments before or after school. If we need to give you any further information, we will send an additional letter or Parent Mail.

Thank you for your support.

Class Teacher/Early Years Lead: Miss Freeman

Head Teacher: Mr Smith

Class Teacher: Miss McGillivray

Deputy Head Teacher: Miss Boustead

Teaching Assistant: Miss Page

Office manager: Mrs Armstrong

Teaching Assistant Apprentice: Miss Brace

