

# Reception Newsletter

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Hello and 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 wait to begin your learning journey with you.

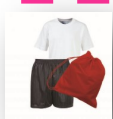
## Clothing

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. Please ensure clothing and footwear are **named**.



## P.E

Children will be required to come into school dressed in their PE kit (joggers/shorts, t-shirt and a jumper) on a **Thursday**. 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.



## Outdoor Area

We are very lucky to have our own fabulous outdoor area, which we will use every day. During the cold months, please ensure your child brings a hat, gloves and warm coat then a cap and sun cream for the warm weather. We ask if your children can bring in a pair of wellies to keep in school.



## Fruit and Water

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children receive fruit daily. Children can also bring in one other healthy snack from home e.g. a cereal bar, yogurt or fruit. If you have not already done so, please inform a member of staff if your child has any allergies and continue to inform staff of any changes to your child's allergies.

Reception are prompted to drink water whenever they wish. Therefore, it is important that all children bring a **named** water bottle to school everyday.

## Keeping in Touch

In school we use Parent Mail, X and Seesaw. These apps enable us all to share your child's achievements at home and school so that we can praise them for their hard work. We also send updates about what the children are up to so please keep an eye out! In addition to this, we upload weekly 'Talk Homework' onto Seesaw to support the children's speaking and listening skills. We will supply you all with individual login details in their full first week of term.



## The Brush Bus

In Reception, we teach the importance of good dental hygiene, therefore, all children will be given their own tooth brush so that they can brush their teeth every day at school. We use the 'Brush Bus' as our hook. The following link is the song that we will listen to whilst the children brush their teeth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjnAv-6LSWA>



## Milk

As part of the Cool Milk scheme, children are entitled to free milk when they are under 5 years old. When your child turns 5 and has previously received milk, please see the Cool Milk website for further details on how your child can continue to receive milk in school.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>



## Dream Reads and Homework

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 and reading books will be phased in over this half term. Additional information regarding homework and reading will be provided in our first **parent workshop which will be confirmed on our date list.**

## Everyday Timetable

- 8:40am—9:00am—Registration, reading and Time to Talk
- 9:00am—10am—Phonics and Reading and Writing (Read, Write, Inc.)
- 10:00am—10:30am—Choosing time
- 10:30am-10:40am—Toileting and handwashing
- 10:40am—10:55am—Whole school assembly
- 10:55am-11:10am—Break time
- 11:15am-12:15am— Maths and choosing time
- 12:15pm-12:30pm Toileting and Handwashing
- 12:30pm-1:30pm—Lunch and break time
- 1:30pm—1:45pm—Registration and speedy Phonics lesson
- 1:45pm—3:00pm—Curriculum (Topic, Art, PE, Science etc.) and choosing time
- 3:00pm—Story time
- 3:30pm—Home time

## Topics

Our first topic this term is 'My Life, My Home and My Locality'. We will explore what makes us special, our homes, our surroundings, families, and how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. We will venture into our school forest and visit a local church.



We will also use our senses to explore the season of autumn and how that differs to summer. Further activities will stem from the children's interests.

## Rewards

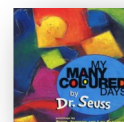
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Every Friday, one child will be chosen as our 'Star of the Week' for good behaviour and good work. They will be rewarded by taking home our very own Arthur—just like our school dog! Arthur is looking out for special achievements and independence skills. He is also very excited to go home with the children on a Friday.

If your child brings home Arthur, please take photos or help your child draw a picture of something they have done with Arthur over the weekend. You may also help them write about it. Please return him on Monday morning so they can share their news.



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



Other books we will read this term:



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.

If you ever have any queries, please email our class address ([dtcyearr@tudhoecolliery.co.uk](mailto:dtcyearr@tudhoecolliery.co.uk)) or ring Mrs Purvis via the office number (01388 814 399).

We look forward to working with you all this year.