

RECEPTION

newsletter

I'm so excited that you have chosen Tudhoe Colliery Primary for your child's school and I hope you've had a lovely summer 😊

Please email us anytime on the class email address. This might be to ask a question, share information or send photos for children to share on the board in class.

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Staff in class

Class Teacher: Miss Gray (Miss Freeman will cover some Wednesdays)

Teaching Assistant: Miss Davies

Apprentice TA: Miss Bright

Seesaw



We will send regular updates and photos on the Seesaw app. You should have received an email to link with your child, or you can email me from the account you'd like to be added and I'll send you a link. Please do sign up, so you don't miss any photos or updates.

Things children will need:

- Uniform that they can be active outdoors in (with names in please)
- A bag of named spares to keep on their peg for toilet accidents or spillages at the water tray - this doesn't need to be uniform.
- A pair of wellies to keep in school with their name on the bottom. If possible a puddle suit/ waterproofs.
- A named water bottle. Please avoid overly large or unusually shaped bottles as they are tricky to store.
- A red book bag or backpack
- Optional: a named healthy snack. All children will receive fruit in school daily.
- Please avoid sending children into school with unnecessary items from home e.g. toys or stationery

Toothbrushing Scheme

In Reception, children will brush their teeth in school each day to help prevent tooth decay. They will still need to brush them morning and night at home.



PE



On PE days, children should come to school dressed for PE. This term we will have PE on Mondays. Children should wear a plain red t-shirt and normal red school jumper, cardigan, etc., black or grey bottoms (joggers, leggings or shorts) and trainers. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed/ covered.

Dream Reads

In Reception, we have a selection of 40 books known as our 'Dream Reads'. Each Friday, children will bring one of these home for adults to read to them over the week. These books are chosen to inspire a love of stories and reading. Reading for pleasure is the biggest indicator of a child's future success! Please make sure Dream Reads are returned every Friday, so all children can pick a new one!



Homework

In Reception, homework involves grown ups reading the Dream Reads, and phonics. Children will start learning new sounds within the first few weeks and then will move on to blending (putting sounds together to say words eg. m-a-t = mat). Children will bring home sound cards and phonics books when they are ready and this may not be the same time for all children. We will also share details of what we have been learning in class on Seesaw, including links to videos to support with phonics.



Rewards

In every year group, children earn Independence Points for demonstrating the characteristics above. We keep track of these points in class and have a winner each Friday. In Reception, this winner gets a certificate to keep and a dog teddy (Arthur) to bring home for the weekend. We love getting emails with pictures of his adventures :)

Phonics Parent Session and Stay & Play.



At 2:00pm Wednesday 30th September, we will have a parent information session to give you information about helping your child with reading at home. This will be followed by an opportunity for you to come and spend time with your child in class. A parentmail with more info will be sent closer to the time.

Topics



To start the year, our work in class will be based around the children. We will learn about being part of a school and the routines involved, emotions, differences, families, our school grounds, the local area. We will also learn about our bodies and senses and spot signs of Autumn.