



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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RECEPTION PARENTS INFORMATION

Reception Staff

Reception Wisdom: Miss Corkill - Class teacher

Reception Hope: Miss Outerbridge – Class teacher

Reception Service: Miss Kirsop – Class teacher

Ms Gardiner, Mrs Ratna, Mr Mahomed and Ms M are our reception learning support assistants, who will on hand to support the whole year group.

Important dates:

Monday 16th September: Children to be at school time 8.40am - 3.10pm (if your child has settled).

Friday 20th September: Reading Information Session at 8.50am.

Uniform

Children should be in correct school uniform at all times:

- white polo shirts
- dark grey or black trousers/skirt
- SMSJ school sweatshirt/cardigan
- grey/black socks (boys)
- white/grey/black socks or tights (girls)
- black footwear (not trainers or boots.)
- Leggings are not part of school uniform and should not be worn under skirts.
- Headscarves, if worn, should be plain black, white or dark green.

P.E kit – green shorts and white t-shirt with logo. Plimsolls or plain white/black trainers.

Tracksuit (plain black or bottle green.) P.E. kits should remain in school during term time and we will send them home during half term so they can be washed. Please note earrings *must not* be worn for P.E. If girls cannot remove earrings, they must bring plasters to school which they can use to cover earrings.

Achievements

Every Friday children will attend a 'Celebration' assembly. This is to celebrate their achievements within class and around the school. They will receive a certificate.

DOJO's

The children may talk about DOJO points. These are cartoon characters that each child has and they are awarded points for their '**Commitment to Learning**', being helpful, kind and many other reasons.

Book bags

Neale House Campus, Prothero Gardens, Hendon, NW4 3SL
Bennett House Campus, Sunningfields Road, Hendon, NW4 4QR
Stamford Raffles Campus, Downage, Hendon, NW4 1AB



Although book bags will need to come in every day with the home school book, reading scheme books will only be changed once a week, Reception Wisdom: **Tuesday**, Reception Hope: **Wednesday** and Reception Service: **Thursday**. This is to ensure that children have fully understood the texts to improve their reading comprehension skills. Please listen to your child read as often as possible.

Birthday Books

Please can we ask that sweets and cakes are not brought in to celebrate birthdays. We are a healthy eating school. If your child would like to donate a book to their class instead we would welcome this and the book will have a sticker placed inside the front cover so that all who read it know who has donated it. We will then have a permanent display in our new library with these special books.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

During Autumn Term this will be on an observation cycle. During Spring Term we will hold parents evenings in line with the main school. These are an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and any other issues. We encourage you to add to Tapestry especially during your child's observation week so we can share what activities you have been doing together as a family. You will receive an end of year report in July. If you wish to speak with the class teacher regarding any concerns at any other time of the year please do make an appointment via the home-school book or alternatively ring the school office. Our staff are always happy to help.

Class Teddy

Each class will have a soft toy which will come home with your child during the year. Please use the diary to show and share what you have been up to. Please encourage your child to do some drawing, writing or numbers in the diary.

Tapestry

As discussed, we use tapestry (free app which you download onto your phone or tablet), where you will be able to access any photos and commentaries that the staff up-load. A parent information session will be held in October to inform and give guidance on this on-line communication platform between school and home.

We encourage you to take photos/videos of your children, add a comment and upload to Tapestry so we can share these with your son/daughter. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to talk about home and experiences.

Homework

Expectation for Reception	Homework/Subject	Frequency
Autumn Term and ongoing	Reading scheme books	Weekly
	Phonics	Weekly
	Key words	Ongoing practice and class teachers will monitor and review progress

Your child is expected to read regularly throughout the week and this is part of their homework. We encourage the children to try to read every day – even if it's just for 5 minutes. Your child will be assessed regularly through guided reading groups, individual reading and use of key words in writing and reading. They will be moved to a new reading level when each individual child is ready.

Curriculum

At SMSJ, our curriculum caters for the needs of individual children and helps each pupil to acquire knowledge, skills and practical abilities, regardless of gender, ethnicity or any additional needs.

Children follow a broad and balanced curriculum based on the programmes of study as outlined in the Early Years Development Matters. As a school we provide for the moral, cultural, spiritual and physical development of all children, preparing them for the responsibilities, opportunities and experiences of adult life. At SMSJ we have an integrated and creative approach to teaching and learning which offers an inspiring curriculum for all children enabling them to excel and reach their full potential.

In order for us to plan and create exciting learning opportunities for your son/daughter all reception staff have PPA time together to ensure the correct provision, support and challenges are in place for the pupils learning. PPA is held on a Monday morning. During this time the children may have a session with the Sports Coach and are supported by the skilled learning support staff. Or they may continue with their learning delivered by Ms Wilcox and Mr Stirrup.

The children will be learning about a variety of topics that will broaden their knowledge. Termly Curriculum maps will be made available to you so you are aware of learning intentions which we encourage you to replicate at home.

Other Information

Water – children are allowed to bring in a refillable sports cap bottle of water to drink throughout the day.

Please note this bottle should only contain water, no juice or fizzy drinks.

Fruit –A piece of fruit or vegetable is provided everyday for your child.

Car park – please be reminded that for the safety of all our school community, only staff cars and those with a blue badge are permitted to drive on to the school premises. If you are a blue badge holder please ensure that the office staff have your details.