



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer break. Just a couple of updates, reminders and requests:

- ✓ All Reception children will continue to use the EYFS gate and enter/exit from the Reception Learning rooms – thank you for bringing your children to the **bottom** of the steps in our outdoor area and allowing them to come in all by themselves – they have all impressed us with their independence!
 - **8.40** – EYFS gate opens and children come in
 - **8.50** – EYFS gate will close – children will then have to go to the office to enter school.
 - **3.15** – Reception school day ends, staff will open the gate when the children are ready to go home, please wait at the bottom of the steps!
- ✓ PE day will be **THURSDAY**! Could you please send your child's **NAMED** PE kit into school in a **NAMED drawstring** bag – we will send it out to be washed every half term. PE will begin on Thursday 11th September.
- ✓ On PE days, please remove any jewellery including **earrings** so that children can participate safely. We **cannot** remove them or put plasters/tape over them. 
- ✓ Forest School will be on a **TUESDAY**. The children will go out in small groups. Letters about when the children are going and what you will need will be sent out soon by Miss Noakes, our Forest School leader.
- ✓ All Reception children are entitled to a free school dinner – staff are always on hand to help the children, make sure they eat and provide alternatives if they are not keen on something. We are used to fussy eaters so do not worry! Please encourage your child to try new foods – it can take us up to 10 tastes before we like something!
- ✓ Please send your child into school with a **NAMED** book bag every day. These can be purchased from the office. These are very important so we can place any letters or information needed for you in there. 
- ✓ Could you make sure your child has their **NAMED** water bottle in school every day filled with **water only please!** Water bottles can be purchased from our school office. Please keep water bottles small due to storage space. No Stanley style cups please.
- ✓ You may have noticed we like you to put your child's name in everything including coats, hats, shoes/ pumps!! This is because it is very hard to track missing items that have no name. Occasionally names can fade and staff will put them back in if we notice.
- ✓ Toilets- we encourage the children to use the toilet throughout the day. We encourage them to use those times so we do not disrupt their learning time on the carpet. We may ask the children to wait but we use our judgement if we think they need to go quickly.
- ✓ If you ever have any questions or queries, please always ask a member of the Reception class team! You can email us at reception@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk but we do not monitor this daily so it is best to speak to staff in person if the matter is more urgent.

We have had a great start to our journey and there is a real buzz in Reception – we can't wait to see what this year brings!

Many thanks, Mrs Gill, Mrs Stone, Mrs Jackson and Miss Coote.