

# Northwick Park Primary Academy



## Reception Newsletter

### Welcome to Reception!

The teachers this year are: Mrs Moore, Mr Keys and Mrs Gunn

In Foundation Stage there are seven areas of learning that will be covered in the inside and outside curriculum. The seven areas of learning are: Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Maths, Understanding of the World, Expressive Art and Design.

Please check the red Reception message board daily for any updates, news or information.  
This is located in the pirate ship area.

### Open Door Policy

At Northwick Park we operate an open door policy. Teachers will be on the door for any messages that you need to relay. Please inform us of any changes as to who is picking your child up from school. Don't forget Busy Bears is available before and after school, between the hours of 7.15am and 6pm for your child.

Please ensure you make Busy Bears aware if they are attending by calling 01268 511863.

### Cooking

The children will have opportunities to cook and food taste throughout the year. We ask for a contribution of £10.00 at the beginning of the year to cover the costs of this. Please ensure that this is paid in full by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher.

### Reading at Home

The children will be given a reading book to share with you at home. Please write in their yellow reading record when they have read. We encourage children to read as much as they can, we recommend at least three reads a week. Books will be changed twice a week by an adult within the classroom, if they have been read. To find out more about teaching your child to read then attend the reading meeting on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am or 5:00pm (this session is also available on zoom)**. The children will also be expected to begin to learn High Frequency words to support their reading, these will be sent home in a word book. Please try not to compare your child's level with others as all children learn at a different rate. The children will receive weekly Topic homework that will start from October half term.

### Medication

If your child requires medication (this includes inhalers), please ensure these are named and are taken to the school office.

### Packed Lunches

Just to remind you we are a healthy school and we encourage children to eat a healthy lunch. Please be aware that fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars are not allowed. Please remember that the children **MUST NOT** bring in any food that contains nuts due to children and adults suffering from severe allergies. Every child in Reception is offered a piece of fruit, milk or water throughout the day. Please ensure the lunch bags and the pots inside are clearly named.

### PE

The children will have PE on: **Thursdays**  
Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit each Thursday from **29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**The PE kit should be:**

- Round neck t-shirt (red or white)
- Black shorts
- Sensible footwear
- Black jumper or bottoms if required

The children do not need plimsolls at this stage. Jewellery, including earrings should not be worn for PE. Please note that we are not allowed to remove earrings or cover them with tape.

## Learning Journeys

As children tend to develop rapidly during this year we will be documenting their 'Learning Journey' within school. This will include pieces of work, photographs, drawings, pieces of homework etc. Please feel free to send things in that your child has done to build up these journeys.

**WOW Moments** are things that your child does that are special to them. These could be:

- Getting dressed for school independently.
- Being brave at the dentist
- Eating vegetables
- Trying something new to eat

We have sent home a sheet of WOW moments but please ask your child's class teacher if you need more.

## Forest School

The children will take part in Forest school sessions throughout the year. We will advise on the dates each term.

## Do you have unwanted toys...

Reception would always welcome any donations of toys. Please see your class teacher.

## Water Bottles and Book Bags

We ask that your child only brings in a book bag and **not a rucksack** or any other kind of bag as unfortunately they do not fit in their drawers.

**Can we please remind you that we need these in school daily for letters and reading books.**

Please send your child in with a named water bottle but please ensure that this only contains water. This is additional to any bottle in their packed lunch bag.

## Dates

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Individual School Photos  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** - Reading meeting at 9:00am or 5:00pm (this one is also available on zoom)  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - first PE day  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** - McMillan Day (wear a green top)  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** - Happy day - Wear clothes that make you feel happy  
**Sponsored Bounce**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** RHM 2:30  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** RAK 2:30  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** RAG 2:30

## Things to remember:

- Book bags should come to school every day (not rucksacks)
- Read at home at least three times a week and record in yellow diary
- All clothing should be **clearly labelled** - including hats and scarves
- Earrings should only be studs and **should not** be worn on PE or forest school days. **Please note that we are not allowed to remove earrings or cover them with tape.**
- Please try your best to bring your child into school every day and on time. If you arrive after 8.50 am the classroom door will be shut and your child will need to come in via the office.
- Please ensure your child has a coat with them in school due to the changes in weather and the Reception outside area always being open.
- **No toys from home are allowed in school.**
- Please check your child's hair regularly as nits spread rapidly in Reception.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.
- PE is on **THURSDAYS**