



Warlingham Village Primary School's

Class Newsletter



Reception

Autumn 2023

We have really enjoyed getting to know all of your children this week, and we look forward to going full time from Monday and have lots more fun together!

What to bring to school each day

Please bring the following items every day:

- Water bottle
- Rain coat (we do learning outside everyday!)
- Individual folder (this will be sent home next week)
- A set of spare clothes in case of toilet accident/messy play accidents
- Everything named please!



Early Days

While starting a new school, learning new things and making new friends is very fun and exciting, it can be extremely tiring and overwhelming for your children and we suspect they will become increasingly tired over the next couple of weeks as they adjust to the change. Please ensure you are allowing for earlier bedtimes and a calm, unrushed morning routine to support this adjustment for your child.

The tiredness may cause some extra tears at drop offs but please try not to stay if your child is upset as it can upset them further. Please pass them over to a member of the Reception Team with the reassurance that they are in very good hands and we will endeavour to contact you to let you know that they have settled into class that day.

Tapestry

Tapestry is our online journal, that we use to document your child's learning at school. We will be sending the log in details out for this within the next couple of weeks.



Home Learning

You will soon start receiving fun and exciting home learning activities to complete weekly with your child, usually linked with that week's learning. Please check your child's folder every Friday for this homework.

ClassDojo

ClassDojo is an app to aid communication between teachers and parents. You will receive sign up details to this within the first week of school. Please sign up and send a 'hello' message to us so we know you have logged on successfully. Throughout the year, you can use this app to send messages to Mrs Dunford and Mrs Gibbs as the gate can get quite busy in the morning and afternoon. Class messages will also be sent out using this app. Please still use the office email address for anything that is not specifically for us.



Snack

We provide a fruit/vegetable snack each day, but you are welcome to send your child in with a healthy fruit/vegetable snack if you would prefer. Please put it in a named container.



Lunchtime

Please see a member of the office staff in the playground each morning to order your child's school dinner meal if they are not having the main choice.

Morning and Afternoon Drop Off and Pick Up

Please wait with your child until Mrs Dunford or Mrs Gibbs has come up to the Reception gate at 8.35am in the mornings. At 3.20pm (Fridays: 2.15pm), please line up and wait for Mrs Dunford (Monday to Wednesday) or Mrs Gibbs (Thursday and Friday) to call your child's name. As a matter of safety, please do not beckon your child to you before their name has been called.

Alternative person picking up your child

Please let the office know if your child is being picked up by anybody other than parents/main carers, or is going home with another child for a playdate. We will not release your child to another person without your consent.



Home Toys

Please try to keep all home toys at home- things can get lost at school! We will be starting Show and Tell soon which is a great time to share home toys- please look out for the letter sent home.

PE Day

Reception's PE day is **Friday**. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on this day. This will start on Friday 15th September.

Bread

Our topic this first half-term is called Bread! We will be learning about how bread is made and will be trying different breads. We will also be making bread and discussing as a class what our favourite bread is. We will be playing in the exciting role-play bakery and pretend to be ordering and making bread. As well as our 'Bread' topic, the children will be reading a range of stories including 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Little Red Hen'. The children will learn through a range of indoor and outdoor activities which link to the texts. Lastly, we will share photos of our family and who is special to us. The children will have ample opportunities to make friends and settle well into Robins class!

Phonics

We will be engaging in phase 1 phonic activities within the first full week of Reception, and then will be start Phase 2 phonics in the children's second full week of school. We are using the Twinkl scheme of Phonics and will send home information weekly about the sounds learnt that week, plus the actions and images linked to the sound.



Reading

You will receive picture books for the first two weeks of Reception. In their third full week (a week into phase 2 phonics) your child will receive two reading books in line with the sounds taught the previous week. A help sheet will be sent home with these books. Your child's books will be changed every **Monday**. We aim to listen to your child read once a week or more. Please aim to read with your child at least 3 times a week- more if possible. You could aim to add it to your evening routine so that your child gets daily practise. Please complete your child's reading record each time you read.

Maths

In our first full week of Reception, we will be starting with our Mastery Number scheme which concentrates on subitising (the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count), before delving deeply into the numbers 1-5, we will be delving deeply into all the number facts connected with these numbers. The scheme aims to secure firm foundations of number sense, with a focus on confidence, fluency and flexibility with number

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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please speak to either of us if you have any questions regarding any of the information here. We are really excited to spend our year with your wonderful children!

Mrs Dunford, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Brown