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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to St. Peter's Primary School! The termly newsletter for Reception Class provides you with some information about the class and their upcoming adventures. Please read the dates and information carefully. We look forward to working alongside you and your children this year.

**Meet the Team:** You may have already met the team, but here is a recap; Miss Calver is the class teacher and Miss Daly is the Teaching Assistant. Every Wednesday Miss Calver has PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time and is out of the class and Miss Daly will be the class teacher with Mrs Calver as the teaching assistant. As doors open at 8:40 a.m. Miss Calver will be in the classroom to answer any questions or queries you have however please note that registration begins at 8:55 a.m. and the playground gates will be closed. Alternatively you can book an appointment afterschool to speak with either Miss Calver or Miss Daly.

**Topic:** Our topic this term is 'Superheroes!' Please see an attached overview of the planned activities, although this will evolve alongside the children's learning and interests. Please also take into account that we will be working on a smooth transition into school throughout the term. Most formal learning will begin when children are attending school full time.

**Timetable:** In Reception the timetable regularly evolves around the children's interests. Children have a morning break and they can purchase toast for 10p per day (no toast on a Friday) during registration time in the morning to eat at this time. Afternoon break for KS1 and EYFS is 3:00-3:15 and children are able to have a government funded snack. When children are 4 they are entitled to milk however when the children turn 5 there is a charge for milk to continue. Please note that during transition times children will have a snack and milk in the morning if they wish and toast will begin when children are full time.

**Staying active:** P.E. will take place on a Tuesday afternoon (outside-weather dependent) and a Friday morning (inside). In preparation for P.E please encourage your child to dress and undress themselves. We will also take part in daily mindfulness sessions such as class yoga at 9:00 to start the day and 'Fit for Five' after lunchtime which will consist of wake and shake, dough disco and pencil workouts. Please ensure full PE kits (including outdoor sports shoes e.g. trainers) are in school by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.



**Outdoor Learning:** On a Wednesday afternoon Reception, Year One and Year Two will take part in joint Outdoor Learning for the afternoon. Please provide either waterproof clothing/overalls, or clothing that you don't mind the children getting muddy, and named wellies. The clothing/ overalls can stay in school and will be returned termly unless they are particularly dirty (mud is a great learning tool)! Please label all belongings which can be kept in a bag or on pegs.

**School houses:** Children have been sorted into their school house as follows;

Banksy	Brunel	Wesley	Park	Grace	More
Josh E.	Stanley	George	Theo	Zara	Amelia
Reino	Luke	Felicity	Oscar	Freddie	Olivia
Daisy	Ellie	Harley Si.	Leo	Eddie	Archie
Joshua M.	Zach	Harley St.	Cassia	Charlie	Molly
Ethan	Casey Tony	Zeva	Amber	Chloe	

Please talk to your child/ren about their house name and colour to help with the collection of house points in class.

**WOW Vouchers:** Are you proud of your child getting ready for school today? We have sent home three WOW vouchers to be completed by an adult and returned to school (3 per term). These will be shared and will go on the Proud Cloud in the classroom.

**Home tasks:** When the children are in school full time we will start to send some tasks to complete with adult support. These consist of reading books, sound books and sound cards in term one, and then from term two onwards, reading rockets and maths fluency fish will start to appear when the children are ready. These will be explained as they are sent home and also in the parents information morning on the **20<sup>th</sup> September**. For us to continue with these tasks in school we will need them returned daily in the yellow packs.

**Weekends:** On a Friday one child has the chance to take Barnaby Bear home for the weekend. Barnaby has a diary which we ask to be filled in telling us all about his weekend activities! Another child will be sent home with the 'Marvelous Me' box which is to be filled with things which are important to them, e.g. a special picture or toy for them to stand up and speak about. Both Barnaby and Marvelous Me need to be returned on Monday so we can share and show. The items from Marvelous Me will be returned home that day. Each child will get the opportunity to take both Barnaby and Marvelous Me home during their year in Reception.

**How can you help your child:** Encourage your child to talk about their day and express their emotions. If you ask your child about their whole day they may respond with "nothing" as it is too much to remember- don't be shocked! Be specific and ask about what they had for lunch today, or how they felt during their first play time. Please help your child to recognise their name. You can help by playing simple name games at home. Use real life situations for children to practise counting e.g. counting plates for dinner etc. and look for numbers in the environment e.g. numbers on the door, on bus, on a telephone etc.

**Parent involvement:** We would very much welcome anybody that would like to help out in their child's class with reading. If you would like to help for a morning or afternoon then please speak to Miss Calver with a selection of days and times that you are free.

On the following Fridays you are invited into the classroom for "Stay and Play" from 8:40-9:10 a.m. to find out about the learning journey so far: 28<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please inform a member of staff if you are unable to attend so we can ensure your child has a buddy to look through their book with.

**General housekeeping:** We are encouraging the children to be independent – try saying goodbye at the blue line rather than coming in to the classroom. Please make sure your child has a named book bag or bag in school every day as we will be sending various information home via bags. Children do not necessarily need a book bag and a back pack- the pegs spaces are small. Please ensure that you label your child's clothing- yes even socks and bananas! Hair that is over collar length must be tied up at all times- it is useful to put some extra hairbands in their bag.

**Jam Jars:** To enable us to create some sensory feelings jars please can you send in a clean, empty jam/condiment jar before the **17<sup>th</sup> September**.



Any questions or queries please feel free to ask either Miss Calver or Miss Daly.

Many thanks,

Miss Calver (Class Teacher)

Miss Daly (Class Teaching Assistant)