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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 this 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 Cox is the class teacher and Miss Daly is the Teaching Assistant. Every Tuesday Miss Cox has PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time and is out of the class for part of the school day. This term Ms. Margea will be covering the class with Miss Daly during this time. As doors open at 8:45 a.m. Miss Cox will be in the classroom to answer any questions or queries you have. Alternatively you can book an appointment afterschool to speak with either Miss Cox or Miss Daly.

Topic: Our topic this term is 'Being me in my world'. 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). Children will be offered a government funded snack of either fruits or vegetables depending on what is available. When children are 4 they are entitled to milk free of charge, however, when the children turn 5 there is a charge for milk to continue. Please note that during transition, toast will be unavailable until they start full time.

Staying active: P.E. will take place on a Tuesday morning (inside) and a Thursday afternoon (outside- weather dependent). 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 the end of term 1.



Outdoor Learning: We encourage the children to use both the indoor and outdoor classrooms on a daily basis. In school we have overalls for the children to use if the weather is wet or muddy. We encourage you to bring in a pair of named wellies for your child which will be kept in school for the academic year.

WOW Vouchers: Are you proud of your child getting ready for school today? We will be sending 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 mathematical fluency fish will start to appear when the children are ready. These will be explained as they

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are sent home. For us to continue with these tasks in school we will need them returned daily in the packs they are sent home in.

Weekends: On a Friday two children in the class will have the opportunity to take home one of our two 'reading rabbits' which are yet to be named by the class! Each rabbit teddy will come home with a reading diary of their own. Over the weekend, please share two of your favourite stories with the reading rabbit and share what you and your child liked best about the stories in the reading rabbit's diary.

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 what their favourite part of their day was. Please help your child to recognise and write 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 Cox with a selection of days and times that you are free.

On the following dates you are invited into the classroom for "Stay and Play" from 8:45-9:15 a.m. to find out about the learning journey so far: 27th September and 16th October. Please inform a member of staff if you are unable to attend so we can ensure your child has a buddy.

General housekeeping: We are encouraging the children to be independent – please 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. Hair that is over collar length must be tied up at all times (it is always useful to put some extra hairbands in their bag, just in case!)

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

Many thanks,

Miss Cox (Class Teacher)

Miss Daly (Class Teaching Assistant)

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