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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 Monday Miss Cox has PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time and is out of the class for part of the school day. Miss Daly will be covering the class at this time. Miss Cox and Miss Daly will be greeting the class at the front of the school at 9.10am each morning.

**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 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 Monday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child arrives at school dressed in full PE kit as we cannot currently facilitate changing in class.



**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.

**Proud cloud vouchers:** Has your child done something to make you proud? We will be sending home three proud cloud vouchers to be completed by an adult and returned to school (3 per term). These will be shared with the class 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 and sound cards at the moment. Please aim to read at least three times per week with your child and record this in their reading record each time. More information about how you can support your child at home with reading, maths and their fine motor development will be provided in the near future.

**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

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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.

**Tapestry:** Thank you to all who have returned your Tapestry permission letters. If you have not returned this please can it be returned as soon as possible. We will start using Tapestry as soon as the children are in full time and are settled.

**General housekeeping:** We are encouraging the children to be independent – please try saying goodbye when the children are led through the gate from the queuing area. 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!)

If you have any questions 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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