

Learning Journal 5.9.14 New School Year!!!

Hello to all Parents and families and welcome to the new term. Our Reception children have made an amazing start to the term with a very calm and happy first morning back, followed by a PSHE morning to learn about what is expected of them during the school day. They discussed what they need to bring each day and should have brought you a little chart as a reminder. Basically we have outdoor PE on a Tuesday with our new PE teacher and you may wish to send trainers, long trousers or tracksuit bottoms and a jumper as well as the standard PE kit as the weather gets cooler and the field gets muddier. A basic PE kit of shorts, T shirt and sand shoes should be on your child's peg every day. We will send this home if it is dirty, but otherwise just leave it in school.

On Thursday we have a tuck shop and children can buy healthy fair trade snacks, which they are able to eat after their swimming lesson in the afternoon. £1 is plenty for a drink or a snack and this needs to be in a purse and kept in their drawer until lunchtime. For swimming lessons children just need a swimsuit/trunks and a towel. Please dress them in easy clothing for swimming, with no tights or awkward fastenings as we have a lot of children to change in a very short time.

Book bags are available from the office. These are used for the whole of your child's time with us and are great for keeping reading books, home school diaries and homework straight and tidy. Your child's Home School diary is much smaller now as we are putting a lot of information online but we will still use it to pass on individual comments about your child's learning and progress, so please check it at night and return it in the book bag in the morning.

Please send your child with a coat every day as our playground can be windy and chilly, even when the sun shines. Shoes should be waterproof and sensible for playing out, although we have plenty of wellies.

If your child is starting in Nursery this week please could they bring a basic PE kit to keep in school and a bag of spare clothes in case of accidents. You will also have a Home-School diary but please have a look on here every week to see what your children have been doing!

We finished the week on Friday with a fantastic visit to Bede's World where we looked round an Anglo Saxon farm and inside a house, learned about monks and made stained glass windows. All the children had lots of fun but were very tired and ready for a weekend.....as were the staff! Here are some photos of our day.



We look forward to welcoming all our Early Years children in the coming week and hope they settle quickly and have a great time with us. Please do come in the classroom with your child for a chat in the morning and watch them find their name and something to play with.