



# St Clement Danes Church of England Primary School

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Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

## RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Reception for 2019! It has been an absolute pleasure to meet each of you as we enjoy a busy start to the new school year. The children have had a lovely time this past week as they have been settling in to their new class, seeing friends from the Nursery last year, making new friends and meeting the adults they will be working with this year. I am greatly looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year. This newsletter contains information that I hope you will find useful over the coming weeks.

### Curriculum



In Reception, we encourage the children to develop **Characteristics of Effective Learning** through *Playing and Exploring*, *Active Learning* and *Creative and Critical Thinking*. Throughout the term the children will continue to engage in a broad range of activities to support and challenge their learning across 7 areas of development, both inside and outside the classroom:



- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ✓ Communication and Language
- ✓ Physical Development
- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Understanding the World
- ✓ Expressive Arts and Design

Our topic for this half term is **Dinosaurs Rock!** A lot of learning within these first few weeks in Reception will be based around routines and responsibilities within the school environment and focused on developing friendships.

### 'Meet the Teacher'



It was lovely to see so many of you at our class meeting last week. Many thanks to everyone who came. Parents' Evening, at the end of September, will give us the opportunity to meet 1:1 to talk about your children and their specific needs and targets for the coming term. You will be invited to book a ten-minute Parents' Evening appointment (a sign-up sheet will be displayed on the whiteboard in our Early Years playground in the coming weeks).

### Uniform

Thank you for your efforts in ensuring your children follow our school uniform policy correctly. The children in Reception are looking super smart in their St Clement Danes uniforms! Please ensure that *all items* brought to school (including school uniform, P.E. kits, bags, blazers and coats) have your child's **name clearly marked** on them. This will help us to find and return any misplaced items. Thank you!





### Contribution Money

We ask families for a voluntary contribution of between £1 and £5 at the beginning of each term, towards the cost of buying consumable resources such as ingredients for cooking, extra craft materials, etc. If you are happy to contribute, please give your donation to one of the Reception staff team. All donations are hugely appreciated. Many thanks.



### Book Bags

Book Bags must be brought to school every day please. School letters are sent home via book bags so please make sure you **check the book bag daily** and remove any letters that you have been given. If you need to *hand in* any letters, reply slips or money, please give them directly to a member of staff in the playground and do not return them via the book bag. This helps to save valuable learning time in class at the start of the day. Many thanks!



### Reading Books and Library Books – Wednesdays

We hope you enjoy reading the books we send home with your child. Writing a brief comment in your child's yellow book each time you read together (every day) is really helpful. Thank you!



### Flashcards – Thursdays

Later this week we will begin sending home words for your child to learn. A note will be sent home with the flashcards to give you more information.



### P.E. Kits – Fridays

Our class will usually have Physical Education lessons on ***Fridays***. If your child hasn't already brought his/her P.E. kit into school, please could you make sure that they do so before this Friday. Your child's P.E. kit will be kept on his/her own peg outside our classroom. If you have any queries about the uniform, please speak with the office or refer to the uniform policy which can be found on the school's website. Bags for P.E. kits can be ordered from the school uniform website.

### Adults in Reception



We are very fortunate to have such wonderful and experienced team of staff working with our Reception class this year. Miss Fostir will be teaching the class on Wednesday afternoons this term. Mrs Dearlove teaches the children music on Thursday mornings and Miss Fiona will be with the class every day. The Nursery team, Miss Paget, Ms Sany and Miss Lopez, are also happy to pass on messages. Please feel free to approach any one of us if you have any questions or concerns. You can always catch one of us in the playground before or after school for a quick chat. Should you require more time or privacy, we will of course be very happy to arrange an appointment.

Kind Regards,

Ms J Crook  
Reception Class Teacher