

# St Clement Danes Church of England Primary School

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Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

## WELCOME TO RECEPTION CLASS!

Welcome to Reception for 2020! It has been a pleasure to meet each of you and introduce the children to their new class! Although it has been an unusual start the 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 getting to know 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 **Super Me!** 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.

### 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!



### P.E. Kits - Thursdays

Our class will usually have Physical Education lessons on **Thursdays**. If your child hasn't already brought their P.E. kit into school, please could you make sure that they do so as soon as possible. Your child's P.E. kit will be kept on their own peg outside our classroom. Bags for P.E. kits can be ordered from the school uniform website. We will send these home for washing on a regular basis.





### Book Bags

Book Bags must be brought to school every day please. School letters are usually emailed to you but some may be sent home via book bags. 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!



### Flashcards – Thursdays

In the coming weeks, 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. Please bring your child's **Flashcards** to school on **Thursday morning** and we will return them to you the same day.



### Reading Books –Fridays

We hope you enjoyed reading with your child over the weekend. Writing a brief comment in your child's yellow book each time you read together (every day) is really helpful. The more you write, the more we can support you and your child with reading at home. Please bring your child's **Yellow Reading Books** to school on **Friday morning** and we will return them to you on the same day. Thank you!

*Please note, that throughout the school year, the days for PE lessons or Homework may change so make sure to look at the Class Newsletter at the beginning of each term.*

### Welcome Meeting



At this point in the year we would normally invite you to a 'Welcome Meeting' to hear some more information about Reception. This year the information is in the form of a video which will be emailed to you.

### Communication

As much of our correspondence this year will take the form of emails and phone calls, please make sure that the Office always has a record of your most up to date and regularly checked details. Please notify them of any changes or if a different adult is going to be collecting your child from school. There are green forms which can be filled out to allow your child to be collected by an adult you wish to nominate.



### Adults in Reception

We are very fortunate to have such wonderful and experienced team of staff working with the children in Early Years. Please feel free to approach any one of us on the gate or email the office if you have any questions. We look forward to getting to know you better throughout the year.

### 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 Early Years team. All donations are hugely appreciated.

Best wishes,

Ms Crook  
Reception Class Teacher

