



Reception News - September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you to Reception class and hope everyone had a wonderful summer! You will receive a letter like this at the start of each half term and it will contain all the information for what is happening in Reception.

This half term:

- Drop off will take place from the side car park area. The gate will open at **8:50am** where we will meet and greet each child. The gate will be closed at **9am** so we can begin our day.
- Collection at the end of the day will be from the classroom door via the decking area at **3pm**.
- We would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per half term for Arts and Crafts and various other creative activities. As mentioned, this is a voluntary contribution and would not affect your child's involvement in such activities. Please can this be paid via the school money app.
- At All Saints in Reception we are very fortunate to have Miss Zohhadi as a Forest School leader. This will begin after half term and we will be in contact with you regarding this in due course.

What we will be learning:

In EYFS at All Saints, rather than adults deciding what the children will be learning, we base their learning around their interests and we will engage with the children at activities they have chosen and teach them '**in the moment**'. This will mean more spontaneous opportunities in the classroom to better engage and excite your child. Through play, children have access to all aspects of the EYFS curriculum, all of the time, without limits or adult agenda. This means that we can meet the needs of individuals more effectively. When children show high levels of involvement, that is when there is progress and development occurring - when the brain is at its most active. High level involvement occurs most often when children are able to pursue their own interests in an enabling environment supported by skilled staff. As the year progresses we may slowly add more pre-planned inputs, particularly towards the end of the year, to prepare the children gently for their transition into Year 1.

- Having said this, this term is all about settling in and we will also be looking at school rules, routines, ourselves, our new friends and who works in our school. We will also be learning about our local area and the church.
- **Phonics:** Learning all our phase 2 sounds - s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,ff,ll,ss. We will be beginning to practise blending 3 letters together to read and write cvc words (cat, bin), to read words is, it, in, at, and, to, the, no, go
- **Maths:** Matching and sorting. Comparing size, mass and capacity, comparing amounts and exploring patterns
- **Literacy:** We will be listening to stories with increasing attention and recall, retelling an event in the correct order, suggesting how a story might end and giving meaning to marks as they draw, write and paint.
- **PE:** P.E will take place on a **Thursday** morning. Please send your children to school in their P.E kit on this day, and they will stay in this all day. Please make sure everything is labelled even ties and socks/tights if possible! P.E will be starting on Thursday 16th September.

Dates to remember

Please check the calendar on the website and the newsletter as events are added regularly.

Tuesday 21st September 3:30pm - Parent Welcome meeting in the Reception Classroom

26th October -Half Term

Just a few reminders about procedures:

- We like to celebrate the children's independent achievements away from the setting, these are called 'Wow Moments'. For example: trying new food, getting themselves dressed or learning to ride a bike. We will leave 'Wow Moment's' out at the end of the day for you to fill out yourself or alternatively, email it to us and we will write it down on a form for you. These will then be put into their Learning Journey books.
- Please ensure your child has a bag of spare clothes on their peg.
- Please can you send your child in with a labelled water bottle. These should be brought to class on a daily basis. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the water fountains are out of action so water bottles are really important for the children.

You will have regular opportunities to meet members of our team during the year to discuss your child. These will range from formal parents' evenings and day-to day liaison. You are welcome to make an appointment to talk about any other concerns you may have with us.

If you require any additional information or have any queries/concerns please email us at teacher@allsaintscelebration.lbf.sch.uk. We hope you will have an enjoyable year with us and we look forward to working with you and your child.

Kind Regards,

Miss Webb and Miss Zohhadi