

**Reception
September
2020**



**Class Information
Mrs Goss -
Class teacher
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school last week and see all our lovely families. Although there are lots of new rules and routines, we were delighted at how easily the children adapted to these new routines. We are now looking forward to an exciting term of learning in Reception class.

Throughout their year in Reception class we will cover lots of new and exciting topics. Initially we will focus on settling in and learning the new rules and routines, but we will soon start our new topic 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?' This is an exciting Autumn based topic, with lots of opportunities for outdoor learning. We will be uploading Home Learning ideas and helpful hints to help at home onto our school website and in our class page - <http://cilffriw-primary-school.j2bloggy.com/reception/> We love to share what the children have been learning in Reception class. We will do this using our class pages on the school website and on our school Twitter page, so please make sure you join and 'love' our learning. <https://twitter.com/cilffriwprimar1> Please let me know if you require any assistance doing this.

We always love to encourage the children to bring things into class to share with us, unfortunately we will not be able to do this at present. However, this week, I will share with you consent, passwords and information on how to help your child access their online account on HWB. You will then be able to share photos and work with us via their own page on J2E. Details to follow.

Outdoor play

We will definitely be using our outdoor grounds this term, so please ensure that they have wellies in school. We do have waterproof outfits that we use on welly walk days, however we do still get dirty and wet. Please provide a change of clothes which we can keep in school - trousers/leggings, pants/knickers and socks. Please also ensure that they wear suitable shoes (trainers are preferable with no laces please) and have a suitable coat for daily yard play.

Fruit and water

The 'bringing your own fruit' system worked so well last week. Thank you for putting their fruit in small labelled boxes, this helps us so much. If you are providing grapes, please ensure these are sliced lengthways. Please ensure that your child has a named bottle of water only for a drink during the day. You can put an extra drink of squash or juice into their packed lunch boxes for lunchtime.

P.E.

Our class will be having P.E. on Wednesday afternoons. This will involve dance, gymnastics and ball and field skills throughout the year. Pupils should wear their P.E. kit to school. This should include navy joggers, navy zip up, a white t-shirt or polo and velcro trainers.

Reading

Over the next few weeks, we will be starting the 'jolly phonics' sound program. We will learn a new sound everyday and when the children become confident we will begin to teach them how to put single sounds together to blend words. At this stage we will begin by reading 'talking books' in class. Unfortunately we will not be able to send reading books home at this stage. I will share more ways for you to help your child begin to read, over the next few weeks.

Homework

Homework will start shortly and will initially be online via HWB and the pupils J2E files. Details to follow shortly.

Morning and end of day routines

Reception drop off is 8.40am and pick up will be at 2.50pm.

Thank you for working with us and ensuring our drop offs are efficient and safe. If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything with us, please ring the school or email us, as we do appreciate that there isn't much time during drop off or pick up.

We look forward to an exciting year in Reception.

Mrs Goss and The Reception Class Team