

Dear Reception Families,

We would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to school and to our Reception Class. We hope that everyone enjoyed their Summer holiday break, spending time with loved ones. In Reception this year your teacher will be Mrs Howard with Mrs Dolbear (Mon-Thurs) and Mr McNaughton (Fri) being our class TAs. We are looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families and having an enjoyable, happy year as there is nothing better than the sound of children's laughter.

Here are some pieces of information that we hope will help the year run more smoothly. Below is a timetable outlining weekly activities in class.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mucky Monday - Outdoor learning - Wellies + waterproof coat / suit	PPA for Mrs Howard - AM Tasty Tuesday - Cooking - (When restrictions lifted -£5 per term)	Work Out Wednesday - Indoor PE - shorts + t-shirt		Fancy Dress Friday (Once a month, in honour of Mrs Mills. Dates to follow)

We ask that every day, you support your child at home by sharing bed time stories and school books to help nurture a love of story in them. Adults modelling the enjoyment gained from reading a story is so precious and valuable an experience for children, as is developing their imagination, by sharing and discussing picture books. We will start sending books home for you to share early on in the 1st term, and they will be changed once a week. Children need to bring their books to school every Friday, and will be given new books to take home. All books in school will be left for a safe period of 72 hours before being re-handled.

We will be posting on-line our Termly Topic Webs, showing the areas of learning we will be covering in class. We will also be carrying on the wonderful work of Mrs Mills, sending home a digital weekly news-letter on our class Web-page every Friday, outlining the work we have done in class that week and what the week ahead brings. This will give you the chance to discuss past and future learning at home as a family. When current restrictions ease, we might ask the children to bring in things from home to support our class learning and we are very happy for the children to bring in "Show and Tell" items that are important to them that they might want to share. These experience are wonderful for encouraging confidence when speaking, and just lovely to share generally.

For our PE sessions, we ask if all children could come to school already dressed in their PE kits. (T-shirt and shorts/ leggings)

For our Mucky Mondays, when we will do Outdoor learning in Coed Cadno, can we ask for the children to bring in wellies and a waterproof jacket in a clearly named bag. You can send in waterproof trousers or a suit if you have one, but they are not essential. These can either be sent home each week if you need them for weekends, or kept safely in school.

For our Tasty Tuesday sessions, which will be every other week, once current restrictions have been lifted, the children will cook or decorate a variety of tasty treats. To fund the buying of ingredients, we ask for a contribution of £5 for the term to be sent in in a named envelope at a later date.) At the end of every day, we will have snack time and the children are encouraged to bring in water and a fruit snack of their own from home. Unfortunately, at this time, we at school are no longer able to provide fruit and milk.

Drop off and pick up points are at the school gates, until further notice. However, we are aware some children might find being away from loved ones unsettling at first, so will adapt this to suit individual children's needs when needed. We want school to be a happy experience and will do our very best to make sure our children feel safe and loved.

Finally, I want to reiterate a warm welcome to you all and to let you know that we are here for you, should you need us in any way. Here's to a wonderful year working, learning and having fun together.

Stay safe,

Mrs Howard, Mrs Dolbear + Mr McNaughton.