



April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of the Summer term, it's lovely to see the sun shining and the children back in school with their smiling faces.

### Uniform

It is lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their uniform. Please could you make sure that all items of clothing, including shoes and coats are clearly named. Names on jumpers do wash off or fade so if you could please check these, that would be greatly appreciated. Can we also ask you also name water bottles?

Please may we ask that children bring to school a coat each day. Even though it is sunny, it can still be quite cold at times.

### Reading

Thank you for reading regularly with your child. It is so important and just 5 to 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference. Please continue to read daily with your child at home as it greatly supports their confidence. Please may we remind you to write any comments in their reading record books each evening and to sign each time your child has read. Children are rewarded for reading four times a week through stickers on their bookmarks and a special certificate when their bookmark is complete.

We are also now visiting the school library weekly. We would appreciate it if library books could be returned on Friday of each week. The aim of the library book is to encourage reading for pleasure and so the text will not necessarily match your child's reading ability.

The children will be continuing to take part in a daily phonics session. We will be sending the next out the next set of words out after a short assessment soon. It is so exciting to see the children progressing!

### School blog and Facebook

Please do take a look at our Reception blog which you can find on our website. We are sure your child/children will enjoy telling you about their learning. Alongside this, we have a Foundation Stage Facebook page. Both are great ways to keep up to date with life in Reception.

### Sickness

Please can we remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they need to stay at home.

### Tooth brushing

We are all enjoying cleaning our teeth after our lunch and our independence has increased over time. We hope the toothbrush, toothpaste and timer we sent home have been useful.

### Tapestry

You were all amazing at using Tapestry during lockdown. Please continue to use it to tell us about your proud moments at home, we love sharing these with you. This could be your child reading their home reader book or more spontaneous activities. Recently a family shared their child making their vows at Rainbows.

### Sun cream

As the weather warms up, can we please ask that you apply long lasting sun cream to your children at home in the mornings. This will last long enough to provide protection for the duration of the school day. Please also send in named sun hats or caps.

### Thank you!

Finally, as a staff we are so appreciative of your support during lockdown. We all want to say a big 'Thank you!' We couldn't have done it without your support!

We are all looking forward to a busy term and we thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Sandercock, Mrs Foin, Mrs Bramley, Mrs Trendall, Mrs Williams, Mrs Disbury and Miss Hill.