



“With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.”

Reception Parent Planning Week Beginning 14th September 2020

Welcome to Reception!

Welcome to the first of your Reception parent planning emails. This will be sent to you every Friday to keep you informed of what the children are learning, any important messages we need to let you know and how you can support your child at home.

The children have now completed their first week. How time flies! We have been delighted by the way the children have come in and settled so quickly. Starting school is a huge step in the children's lives and they have had to take on board a lot of information, new rules and had to get to know adults and children they may not have met before. After being at home for such a long time, it might be challenging for some children to get used to the new routines at school. This results in them being very tired! We encourage you to get your children into a consistent bedtime routine meaning they are well rested and able to cope with the demands of school life.

If you have any questions or information for the class teacher, you will be able to speak to them briefly at drop off and pick up times. Alternatively, you can send us an email at reception@olopprimary.co.uk If you have any concerns that you wish to discuss in more depth, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher for a telephone call.

Uniform

Winter uniform is to be worn every day. **Please** make sure everything is clearly labelled with their name. The teachers cannot keep track of everyone's clothes.

PE kits are not needed until after the Easter break.

Please make sure your child has a coat appropriate for the weather conditions and please bring a pair of named wellies that will stay at school.

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFSC)

Each week the Reception teachers will plan a broad and balanced range of activities and experiences for the children based on the EYFSC.

Some of the activities will be led by the teacher, and others will be accessed independently. The children also initiate their own learning by interacting with the resources in the indoor and outdoor spaces.

The activities and resources are chosen to meet the needs of the children and, with adult support will both challenge and support learning, ensuring that all children make good progress from their starting points.

The teachers are observing and interacting with the children and gathering evidence to make a baseline judgement about whether the children are working at 'Age Related Expectations'. Some children will be working below and some above. At your first parent consultation your teacher will discuss where your child is and the next steps for their learning.

Book Bags

The red book bags should be brought every day. The black book bags should be brought every Monday when the children will be changing their library books.

Lunches

The current menu is on the school website in the parent information section. They are also displayed in the classroom windows.

Back to school

In these unprecedented times, coming back to school has a whole different meaning. Apart from the feelings of excitement and anticipation that come with a new beginning, adults and children might also experience feelings of fear, anxiety and uncertainty of what it is going to be like at school. It is completely normal and it is ok for children to have such feelings.

We aim to support you and your children and ensure that our daily routines are safe while at the same time as normal as possible. Children this age, can adapt to change quicker and easier than most adults and are always willing to learn new things and follow guidelines.

As you know Reception is a class where children learn through playing and exploring. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that children explore their environment and interact with others in order to stimulate their learning and expand their experiences. One of the main habits we aim to embed in their daily routines, is regular handwashing throughout the day. After only one week, we can say that children are already used to washing their hands regularly and thoroughly and even remind their friends to do so!

Below is a link with a story about going back to school: <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Back-to-school-September.pdf>

Dropping off and collecting your children

Please ensure that you are punctual dropping off and collecting your children. It can be very upsetting for children to be late at either end of the day.