

Reckleford School & Nursery

'Every child has the right to an education' UNICEF Article 28

Newsletter 2

NOVEMBER 2021



Welcome to the Autumn newsletter 2. The weather has certainly turned colder so it is good to see the children in warmer coats, gloves and hats! They are not part of the normal school uniform but **PLEASE** do put your child's name inside them. 😊

LATEST COVID GUIDANCE

We are currently at AMBER level as advised by Public Health. This means that we are not holding assemblies and are being as careful as we can be to keep classes separate when inside the building. Children are eating in the hall but they are at separate tables and windows are open.

Classroom windows are open a little in order to allow fresh air to circulate. Now the weather is colder we are happy for children to have an additional layer **OVER THEIR SCHOOL JUMPER** to ensure they are warm in the classrooms. We do monitor the temperature and won't let the room get too cold – the heating is also on!

We will continue with our slightly staggered start for the rest of the term.

Staff are wearing masks in the corridors, staffroom and offices and any visitors coming into the building are by appointment only and must wear masks.

Should the situation worsen we will ask parents to wear masks on site at dropping off and picking up times once again.

We are doing our best to maintain safety as well as great learning and we thank you for your continued support.

A THANKYOU FROM LORD'S LARDER!

We received a lovely letter from Lord's Larder Food Bank. We managed to donate 207 items of food which was a brilliant effort! Already this year the Lord's Larder has helped 2,800 adults and 2,180 children across South Somerset. It is so important that our children understand

that they have been part of that support and that each of us can make a difference.

LUNCHES

Please remember to let us know if you wish your child to start having school dinners. This now takes 2 weeks to order.

FOOD VOUCHERS

We will once again be providing families who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding (benefits driven free school meals) with Tesco vouchers for the Christmas holidays. If you believe you may be entitled to this, please call / speak to us.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS!

We have introduced the Mastering Maths programme into every classroom this term. This is a daily 10 minute session which supports children's deeper understanding of number and their speed in making simple calculations.

Our Read, Write, Inc literacy programme is also in full swing in every year group with children working super hard on their letter sounds, word reading, sentence reading and spelling.

Please talk to your child about their learning and make sure they practice any homework they have as often as possible. 😊

READING!

PLEASE keep up with reading practice at home. It makes a huge difference to the progress your child makes. Our aim is for children to be fluent readers by the end of year 2. Every bit of daily practice will help towards this. Every time you read your child a story, it helps towards this. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to your child's teacher – we will be happy to help!

READING RAINBOW

Please do sign your child's reading record every time they read at home so we can reward their

efforts with a certificate for every 10 reads. When all colour certificates have been achieved, your child will become a Reading Ambassador and wear a special badge!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

We are determined to make the most of our Christmas celebrations in school but will continue to keep safety in mind at all times.

We will be putting together a Christmas Nativity with the children with each class performing a part of the story. This will not be performed to parents, but we will do our best to get photos &/or video footage to you.

We will be having 1 or 2 more sales before the holidays and hopefully a large Tombolla stall, weather permitting!

We will have safe, class based Christmas parties – date TBC – when children will be able to wear warm party clothes.

ROAD & CAR SAFETY!!

I have received another report from concerned members of the public about children travelling in cars without safety seats and seat belts.

Can I please remind all parents that children should be in secure car seats until they are 12 years old or 135m tall.

The UN Convention on the Rights of a Child states:

- **Every child has the right to be protected from harm (Article 19)**

We will monitor children's car safety – please use the right restraints.

NEW ROLES IN THE SCHOOL

Congratulations to Leo & Nadin who are this year's Head Boy & Head Girl. Congratulations also to the new school council members. I look forward to working with them all.

START OF THE DAY

Squirrels & Hedgehogs – 8.45

Badgers – 8.55

It is essential that children are at school for their register.

PE KIT DAYS

PE DAYS:

SQUIRRELS – Monday & Thursday

HEDGEHOGS – Wednesday & Thursday

BADGERS – Tuesday & Thursday

ATTENDANCE

The Government, Local Authority and all schools are now monitoring attendance extremely closely.

Any symptoms of Covid MUST be taken seriously and a PCR test carried out. Please go to the test centres if at all possible rather than relying on postal tests, as these take longer.

Holidays during term time will not be permitted.

Children have missed significant amounts of education due to the pandemic so holidays must be taken during school holidays.

Term time holidays of 5 days or more will result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

THE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

recklefordschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

SAFEGUARDING – THE END OF THE DAY

I must remind you that The MAGNA HOUSING CARPARK AND GRASS BANK ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY. You can be fined for parking there and you should not allow your children onto the grass banks. Many thanks.



Confidential help and advice for parents and carers of 0-4 years or 5-19 years. A safe and easy way to contact your Health Visiting Team . Just send a text. 07480 635514 (0-4s) or 07480 635515 (5-19)

For more details about the school please visit our website : <https://somerset.org.uk/sites/reckleford>

KEY DATES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
TBC	CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 10 TH	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (SAVE THE CHILDREN DONATIONS)
DECEMBER 17 TH	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
JANUARY 4 TH 2022 (<u>TUESDAY</u>)	1 ST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM!

'Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.' Reckleford School & Nursery ethos