

# Reckleford School & Nursery






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

## Newsletter 4

APRIL 2022



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter! Now the weather is starting to improve here are some reminders about the super benefits of physical activity!

 BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS & SOCIAL SKILLS	 MAINTAINS HEALTH & WEIGHT	 CONTRIBUTES TO BRAIN DEVELOPMENT & LEARNING
 IMPROVES SLEEP	 DEVELOPS MUSCLES & BONES	 ENCOURAGES MOVEMENT & CO-ORDINATION
 IMPROVES CONCENTRATION & LEARNING	 IMPROVES HEALTH & FITNESS	 MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD

- We are supporting the children to enjoy being outside with extra equipment at lunchtimes which changes each week. We always try to take them outside before the end of the day, if just for 10 minutes, to end the day in a happy way! Squirrels will be using their super garden after Easter as part of their learning provision. The Nursery are outside to play and learn as often as possible!
- DID YOU KNOW? The Squirrels garden has been named as Best School Garden by Yeovil in Bloom for 2022! We are very proud of Mrs Batson's hard work!
- DID YOU KNOW? Reckleford has a beautiful large garden area behind the Nursery. The Governors have been raising money and applying for grants in order to make it a safe and lovely space again. The gardeners have been super busy, and it is ready for use again!
- We will be taking all the school & nursery children there for lessons, stories and play as often as we can. We also hope to hold a summer event there so that parents & carers can join us for a picnic and see the garden at the same time.
- EASTER HOLIDAYS: Hopefully, you will all be able to get active outside during the Easter break. Yeovil has 2 wonderful parks - Ninesprings & Mudford - that offer green spaces, play areas, walks, tennis, putting - and cafes!
- CLUBS IN ASSEMBLIES
- We have been introducing the children to some of the clubs which pupils attend outside of school. A huge thanks to Hayley, Poppy and Felix for a great talk on Goldenstones Swimming Lessons. Nadin and Sofia told us that their dance club is fantastic and were able to demonstrate some of their skills! Declan and Olly gave us a fascinating talk on rugby as they are both proud members of Yeovil Rugby Club! Well done, all!

- If you are interested in any of these clubs, ask us and we can share details.
- We invite children to 'scoot or cycle' to school and nursery. Scooters and bikes can be left in the secure fenced area as long as they are 'parked' sensibly. Children must 'walk' their bike or scooter to the parking area once they get to the school gate. 😊
- REMEMBER - 1-5 year olds should be active for 180 minutes per day and 5-18 year olds should aim for at least 1 hour every day of physical activity.



**SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT TIMES** We are all aware that prices are rising fast and that many people are struggling to afford every day items. Please don't struggle alone. The following may be helpful...

### **Citizens Advice (CAB)**

**Finances:** If you or anyone you know have any financial difficulties over the next few months please don't hesitate to ask for support. Citizens Advice are a superb organisation and can be contacted online or by telephone. They are currently offering grants of £250 to struggling families: <https://hsf.citizensadvice Somerset.org.uk/>

**The Gateway & Lord's Larder** are also offering quick support which we can help you to access – PLEASE ask us!

We have also heard of 3 addresses in Yeovil who are offering FREE FOOD collected from the supermarkets. The food is available from the front gardens of:

52, Larkspur Crescent – Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 11.00am – 8.00pm

52, Westfield Road - Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday 11.00am – 7.00pm

53, Matthews Road – Monday – Friday 9.00am-6.00pm

**Oneplusone** - support for families in difficult times.

**contact** For families  
with disabled children

There is a very useful benefits calculator on this site:

<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/benefits-financial-help/benefits-calculator/>

## **LATEST COVID GUIDANCE**

Lateral Flow tests are no longer free. Current guidance says 'Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home. They can return to school when they no longer have a temperature.

Children who test positive for covid should stay at home for 3 days.

## **LUNCHES**

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

## **GOVERNORS**

I am very pleased to welcome Sharan James onto the Governing Body. Sharan is a highly experienced teacher and we are really looking forward to working with her.



## **RECKLEFORD IS RECYCLING!**

Our lovely School Council are helping to encourage the recycling of clear and coloured plastics at lunchtime.

We encourage you all to choose products with less plastic for packed lunches and to bring re-sealable bottles into school.

## **VISITS**

We are bringing our trips back in for the children! Badgers have had a lovely day out and a fantastic Science learning experience at Carymoor. They were a real credit to the school and have produced some fantastic writing about their day!

All classes are looking forward to trips to Gore Farm in the summer term 😊

## **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!

## **START OF THE DAY**

Squirrels & Hedgehogs – 8.45

Badgers – 8.50

Please be on time - 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

## **BANK HOLIDAYS**

We are closed on both Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for Bank Holidays

## **ATTENDANCE**

The Government, Local Authority and all schools are now monitoring attendance extremely closely. Please ensure your children attend every day.

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.



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://someset.org.uk/sites/reckleford>

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### KEY DATES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
11 <sup>th</sup> April - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April	BACK TO SCHOOL!
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R to <u>GORE FARM</u>
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 to <u>GORE FARM</u>
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 to <u>GORE FARM</u>
TBC	<u>SPORTS DAYS</u>
TBC	<u>RECKLEFORD'S GOT TALENT!!</u>

**'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