



Reckleford School & Nursery

Newsletter 1

SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome to the Autumn 1 newsletter. We have been back of school for 3 weeks and they have flown by!

Our School Development Plan for this year will be focused upon:

- KEY ISSUE 1 Handwriting in Year R
- KEY ISSUE 2 Mastering number & Maths challenge rewards
- KEY ISSUE 3 Outdoor Learning enhancement of the EYFS & KS1 Curriculum
- KEY ISSUE 4 Core Skills Team for Literacy & Maths Coordination
- KEY ISSUE 5 WELLBEING – Outright Programme for pupils & Staff Wellbeing Charter
- KEY ISSUE 6 ATTENDANCE

OUTINGS & EVENTS

We are a pilot school for the Ernest Cook Outdoor Learning Programme this year. This organisation owns Gore Farm and Woodland and they provide fantastic outdoor learning opportunities for young children.

We intend to take our children on a number of trips this year to enhance their learning and enjoyment. Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Badgers will visit the Woodland at Gore Farm this term – look out for letters!. In addition to this they will visit the Cinema on 11th November.

IN SCHOOL we have a special gymnastics day on Friday 30th September (this week). Mr Heggarty, our specialist coach, will be leading fantastic gymnastic sessions for

each class. Please can children come to school in SPORTS KIT (doesn't have to be school PE kit) on that day 😊

Please see the key dates at the end of the Newsletter for other activities and events.

FLU VACCINES & COVID

We will continue to support children to wash their hands and bin their tissues to avoid spreading germs.

We will inform you about flu vaccines as soon as we have information. Remember – this is a nasal spray, NOT an injection.

HARVEST

We will be holding our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 5th October. We are asking families to donate tins or dry food which send to the Lord's Larder on Yeovil. This food bank serves the Yeovil community throughout the year and they will be in great demand over the coming months.

We thank you in advance for all your support!!

LUNCHES

All children up to the age of 7, are entitled to a free hot school dinner. Please remember to let us know if you wish your child to have school dinners. This now takes 2 weeks to order.

PE KIT

We expect children to bring PE kit to change into on PE days. Your child must have a white, plain t-shirt and navy or black shorts. They should also have plimsols (daps) or trainers for outside PE and games. Please NAME all these items. PE DAYS:

SQUIRRELS – Monday & Thursday
HEDGEHOGS – Thursday & Friday
BADGERS – Tuesday & Thursday

READING & HOMEWORK

We are always looking for ways to encourage regular reading at home. We will continue to send books home in book bags which will support your child's phonics. Children will also be able to choose a book for 'sharing' at home.

Every child in the school also has access to our online reading library. I hope you have all been able to 'log-on' through Oxford Owl?

Your child has been assigned a reading book online which matches their reading ability. Once the book has been read and some questions answered, the teacher will be able to see and provide the next book. If you have any difficulties, do please let us know.

Please check your children's bookbag for homework and help your child to complete this essential work! 😊

READING RAINBOW

We have started our Reading Rainbow reward scheme once again. 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

Please note that children should be 'in school' by 8.45 every morning.

It is essential that children are at school for their register and for the whole of their literacy lesson.

The Government are requiring schools to be open for 32.5 hours each week. Please look out for a consultation letter on the extension of our school day to 3.15pm.

ATTENDANCE

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

Children with mild cold symptoms should still come to school. Children with a temperature should stay at home for a day.

You **MUST** inform us if your child is to be absent by 9.15 each day.

Holidays during term time will not be permitted.

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

STAFFING

We are welcoming Mrs Parsons to our excellent team of dinner supervisors from October!

We are welcoming back Hayley Frost who will be teaching Year 2 on Fridays from October!

And sadly...

After 27 years running the school office, Tina White is retiring in December.

During that time the job of a school administrator has changed out of all recognition. The knowledge and skills now required are endless and enormously demanding. We have been so lucky to have someone who has the skills and talent to be able to adapt and to run the business and finances of the school & nursery so brilliantly. We will all miss her enormously and replacing her, even with 2 people, will be very difficult!

We wish Tina, and her husband Dave, all the happiness in the world in their future! 😊

THE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

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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.

School & Nursery designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Vanessa May
Deputy (DDSL) Ruth Culham
SENDCo Julie Foster

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>

KEY DATES

AUTUMN TERM (SO FAR!)	
13.9	MEET THE TEACHER
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15.9	1 ST SPORTS CLUB - ARCHERY
16.9	INSET RWI TRAINING
19.9	BANK HOLIDAY – Elizabeth II Funeral
30.9	SCHOOL GYMNASTICS DAY – NON-UNIFORM CHILDREN IN SPORTS KIT ALL DAY!
5.10	HARVEST ASSEMBLY
21.10	SPOOKY DISCO – CHILDREN ONLY
24-29.10	HALF-TERM
7.11	PARENT-TEACHER MEETING WEEK
11.11	CINEMA TRIP
25.11	INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS
28.11	CHRISTMAS FAIR
2.12	MRS WHITE RETIRES
12.12	NATIVITY DRESS REHEARSAL
13.12	NATIVITY TO PARENTS X 2
19.12 – 2.1.23	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
3.1.23	INSET DAY
4.1.23	1 ST DAY 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

Article 28

All children have a **right** to an **education** which should be free.

