



# Reckleford School & Nursery



## Newsletter 3



FEBRUARY 2023

Welcome to the Spring 1 newsletter. Please see the key dates at the end of the Newsletter for our many activities and events!

### OUTINGS & EVENTS

The events have been coming thick and fast this half-term! Carymoor recyclers gave the children a fantastic day of learning about the possibilities of recycling and just how important it is for all of us.

The visit from Longleat was wonderful as we all had the chance to see (and touch!) some amazing smaller creatures and learn about how amazing they are.

I have enjoyed reading the children's work from this and talking to them about what they learnt.

Please see the Events List at the end of the newsletter to find out what else is coming up this term.

### AMBASSADORS' TEA PARTY

For all those children who have become reading ambassadors so far, we will have an afternoon Tea Party with toys and music on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. These children will also be allowed to wear their own clothes for that day!

### STUDENT TEACHERS AT RECKLEFORD

We are very proud of our programme for supporting student teachers at Reckleford. We recently hosted two prospective Secondary Teachers who are gaining Primary experience. We also have Amber for Spring 1 who is working in Hedgehogs for the term.

### 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.

### PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

These essential meetings will be held during the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will ask you to choose and sign-up for a time the week before. **PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SELECTED TIME!**

Teachers will discuss your child's progress and targets, areas of strength and need. We will speak to families where homework is not being completed to see if we can support you.

This is also a great time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have, although remember you can speak to us at any time – we are here to support you. We look forward to seeing you all then.

### CONSULTATION ON EXTENDED DAY: OUTCOMES

Thank you to everyone who sent in their views on our school day finishing at 3.15pm from September. 70% of you felt this would be a positive change. I understand the concerns of the 30% who felt that the school day is long enough and that there is a clash with the finishing time of St. Michael's. I will be talking to St. Michael's to see how we can continue to support our shared families as well as provide the expected school hours from September. I will report again on this at the start of the summer term.

### SPORTS & PE

Our after-school sports club for Spring 2 will be based on Hockey. Children will use our uni-hoc equipment to learn skills with a puck. This is played indoors and is fast-moving, develops superb hand-eye

coordination and is great fun! Hope to see you there, Badgers!

### **STAFFING**

We are all delighted that Siobhan Parsons has taken on the role of Office Administrator for the school and nursery. Siobhan is in the office from just before 9.00 until 3.00pm every day, so please feel free to call or visit with any concerns or questions you may have.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Thank you to all of you who make every effort to get your children to school and nursery in good time every day. Doors are now closing at 8.55am so we can register the children and begin learning promptly. We keep a record of those who are regularly late and will speak to you to ensure this can improve.

We do appreciate that there have been many viruses around this winter! Don't forget, 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. You can do this either by phone or email [office@recklefordschool.co.uk](mailto:office@recklefordschool.co.uk)

**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.

### **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

### **COST OF LIVING HELP**

We know that things are challenging at the moment. If you or anyone you know, are struggling to afford food & / or heating at the moment, please let us know. We can get food immediately on your behalf. There are also some grants available to families in this area which we can help you to access. Please speak to us at any time.

### **THE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS**

[office@recklefordschool.co.uk](mailto:office@recklefordschool.co.uk)

### **CONCERNED ABOUT A CHILD?**

Reckleford Infant School and Nursery acknowledges our duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and expect everyone to share this commitment. Article 19 'The right to be protected from harm' UN Convention

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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>

And finally...



**Our very own Mrs Collins has been made Captain of the Yeovil Walking Football Ladies Team! Well done, Lisa – we are very proud of you!!**

## KEY DATES

<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
<b>7/2/23</b>	INTERNET SAFETY DAY
<b>10/2/23</b>	READING AMBASSADORS' TEA PARTY
<b>13/2 – 17/2/23</b>	<b>HALF-TERM BREAK</b>
<b>27/2- 2/3/23</b>	PARENT – TEACHER MEETINGS
<b>2/3/23</b>	WORLD BOOK DAY – dressing up TBC!
<b>6/3/23</b>	Yr1 to Hummer Woods in Trent
<b>8/3/23</b>	Yr 2 to Hummer Woods in Trent
<b>17/3/23</b>	RED NOSE DAY
<b>TBC</b>	Squirrels & Hedgehogs visiting Yeovil Library
<b>TBC</b>	EASTER TEA PARTY
<b>3/4/- 14/4/23</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>

**'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.

