

# BOLTONS

## *Church of England Primary School*



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Dear Parents,

Can I take this opportunity to welcome all the new parents as well as the children. We are all looking forward to welcoming everyone into Reception and really getting to know all the children. Hopefully, this year will be fun filled and I am sure everyone will soon settle in and get used to the new routine.

I realise there are lots of new things, which may take time getting used to, so please, if you or your children have any concerns, please come and see me or Mrs Garner.

The first few weeks are about the children settling in and ensuring they are happy. During this time I will carry out a baseline assessment, which gives me an opportunity to get to know the children. After this we will start our topic 'Marvellous Me'. In RE the topics are 'Why am I special to God' and 'What are the special stories for Christmas'.

The Early Years Foundation Stage continues throughout the Reception Year. Each of the Early Learning Goals is covered within the classroom. The curriculum is carried out through both teacher-led activities and child-initiated learning, but there is a stronger emphasis on following the children's own interests and allowing them to learn through play, so more often than not 'topics' change. I would also like to do cooking activities with the children as time allows. Please fill in the below slip, which will **cover your child for all cooking activities over the year**, and return as soon as possible.

Each week I will have a 'focus' child and anything they do will be uploaded to Tapestry. I will also upload any 'wow' moments the other children in the class have over the week. Please don't forget you can add your own pictures, videos and comments too.

Reception will have weekly PE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, so can you please make sure their PE kit is in school. They will need pumps and trainers; tracksuit bottoms and top area also recommended as they will be doing PE outside, weather permitting.

I have also sent home a 'Home-School Book', which will allow you to write in any 'special' moments your child has had, such as a family event, losing a tooth, learning to ride a bike, anything that makes you think 'wow'! I will also put in a short summary of what the children have been up to during the week as well as the sounds/words the children have covered during phonics, once they have started phonic sessions. Could you also use this book to return any slips, by placing them inside, as I do encourage the children to hand the book in every morning so it can be checked for comments.

The lunch menus are on the window in the conservatory and they are also on the schools website.

Homework and reading books will be sent home once the children are considered ready for them.

Please take a minute to have a look at the school website and our class page. You will be able to find

more information about what your child has been up to as pictures are added. There is also a yearly overview of the curriculum and some website you may find useful. Please note the children will have access to the outdoor area no matter what the weather is like, so can you please make sure they have a pair of wellies in school and that they wear an appropriate coat. Please can you also make sure that all their belongings are clearly labelled with their name.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Yours Sincerely

Tracy Smith/Mrs Garner

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### Reception Cooking Activities 2017

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

To take part in all cooking activities, during their time in Reception.

Know allergies:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_