



Reception Class Newsletter September 2011

Dear Parents

Hello, my name is Mrs. Emma Dwight and as you know I am the class teacher for Reception. This is my fourth year teaching Reception at The Croft and I really enjoy working within early years. The children have all settled well and are enjoying their new class and getting to know each other. It is really important that we work together to help your child whilst they are at school. Therefore I will be sending a newsletter home each term to give you an idea of what we shall be doing in class in order for you to be able to support your child at home. When the children begin school full time we will begin to encourage them to come into school independently through the main playground door. Please can you encourage your child to come into school independently with the Reception staff.

Language and Literacy

For the first couple of weeks we will be assessing the children's phonic skills before we begin to introduce the Ruth Miskin Phonics Scheme. There will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this scheme during an Open Evening, which will be held on **Tuesday 4th October**. More information to follow shortly!

When the children start full-time we will be sending them home with library books for you to share with them. This will give you opportunities to talk about stories in preparation for children having their own reading books later on in the term. We shall also be sharing a variety of books in school each day.

The children will also have plenty of opportunity to develop their writing skills. This term we will focus upon writing labels and names of people in our family.

Mathematical Development

This half term we will be focusing upon numbers 1 to 10, one more/one less, simple addition, 2D shapes and simple measuring techniques.

Topic

Our topic this term is "All About Me". We shall be exploring who we are, what it was like to be a baby, favourite things, birthdays, feelings and families.

Role Play

The role-play area this half term will be set up as a Doctors and after the October half term this will change to a building site. Within this area the children have the opportunity to socialise and play together, whilst also developing their language skills.

Show & Tell

Show & Tell will take place on a Friday. This is an opportunity for the children to bring in something special to show. In order for everybody to have the opportunity to show their special item we will be inviting particular children to show their items each week. Your child will receive an invitation when it is their turn to bring in an item to show. Show & tell will start after the children are full-time and I shall send out the first invites next week.

P.E.

The Reception staff will be taking part in the Leap into Life scheme. These are half hourly sessions of P.E which will be on a **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**. We encourage the children to leave their P.E bags in school to ensure they have them on P.E days. For safety reasons, if your child wears earrings, please remove them on P.E days.

Can you please make sure that all your child's P.E kit and school clothing is clearly named so it is easier to return any lost items.

Snack

Just to remind you that we ask parents for £1 per week to cover the cost of morning snack. There is a choice of milk or apple or orange juice as well as a slice of toast every morning. For afternoon snack we have a piece of fresh fruit.

Dinner Money

To help the office and kitchen staff if your child is staying for dinner, could dinner money be sent in a named envelope on Monday whether your child is staying for one day or the whole week.

Can you also make sure that your child comes to school with a water bottle each day. At the Croft we try to encourage healthy eating so we would prefer the children to bring water and not juice in their bottle. It is very important that the children have the opportunity to drink throughout the day as it benefits their development and learning. Thank you.

Home Links

Thank you already for the 'Wow' cards we have received, we will allow children to share these over the next few weeks. If you need any more 'Wow' cards please let us know or there is a folder on the Reception Notice Board.

I have sent the children home with home school diaries so that we do not lose the close links that we have with you as parents. These will be a good way for us to communicate with each other, please feel to write in them at any time whether it is a concern or something exciting that your child wishes to share. It is also very important that you let me know if anyone different than yourselves is collecting your child so we can ensure that all children are safely collected at the end of the day. This can also be written in the red book or please tell a member of the Reception staff.

If you do feel that you need to talk to me in person then you are most welcome to come into the classroom in the morning or after school.

Thank you Mrs. Dwight

15th September 2011