

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Dear parents,

Welcome to Leominster Primary School. We are delighted to welcome you and your child into our Reception classes. It was great to see many of you at our coffee afternoon and to see all the children start school last Friday. The children have made an excellent start to their new school and are keen to get involved with school life. They have settled well, are following routines and enjoying making new friends. The children have been enthusiastic and have enjoyed taking part in lots of activities. To promote your child's independence, please can we now ask you to say goodbye to your child in the morning at their classroom door. If you do need to speak to their teacher, they are always standing at the door available for you to pass on any messages.

Below is a list of staff working in Reception:

Teachers: Miss Allford, Miss Elliott and Miss Nicholas

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Pugh, Ms Cawley, Mrs Nicholls, Miss Field and Mrs Wright

SEN support Assistants: Mrs Lloyd and Miss Davies

Our Learning

We will be planning from the children's interests throughout the year. This term our topics are Autumn / Harvest and Ourselves. The children will be exploring all areas of learning through this topic. At this stage of the year our priority is getting to know the children well so we can plan activities and they will enjoy learning. Every Friday your child will take home their home / school book. There will be a weekly activity for your child to complete ready to bring back to school the following Wednesday.

Session times

Our doors open at 8:45 am so that our school day starts promptly at 8.50am. School finishes at 3.15pm. We would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality and ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and collect them on time. If you are late in the morning you will need to go to the front desk at Reception where the admin staff will see you. Please telephone the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school. Please Telephone **01568616919**.

Please can I kindly remind you that when you are waiting for the school doors to open, stand in-between the pencils and the Sheltered area. Can children not play with the toys under the Shelter because the area is often set up for the day.

Organisation

The children are coping really well with organising their belongings in school. It would be really helpful if you could regularly check all your child's uniform / PE kit / lunchbox / book bag is clearly named. It is the only way that we can know who it belongs to. The children spend time learning outside too and have wonderful activities prepared for them. Please ensure your child is always dressed appropriately for all weather situations.

Please ensure your child has their PE bag and wellington boots in school for the whole half term.

Any forms or letters should be put in their book bags and we check their bags daily. We do recommend that your child has a purple school book bag, to ensure all letters get home to parents. Your child will need their book bag every day.

Learning Journeys

Each child has a Learning Journey through which we keep track of their progress. As a parent / carer, you are aware of your child's interests and strengths. We would like to include your contributions in their Learning Journeys and so we welcome any photographs, certificates, wow moments or comments.

Phonics / Reading

We use the Read Write Inc programme to teach reading. The children will be learning to say, blend and remember sounds. These skills are building blocks to reading. You will be invited in this term to our Phonics workshop for parents so that you can learn how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home. Reading books will follow later, when your child is ready to use their new skills to begin reading some phrases and sentences. Until then, enjoy sharing our bedtime books. Please look at 'How to support your child with reading' which was given at your home visit. Please encourage your child to practise the phonic cards that will be brought home every Friday.

Meeting with your Teacher

If you need to talk to the class teacher, they are available at the end of each day. Sometimes they may not be able to talk as they have other commitments after school, but you can always make an appointment. If you wish to make an appointment with me, please contact the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday October 19th – Reception Diwali day
Friday October 20th – Reception slideshow – parents welcome at 3.15pm
Friday 20th October – Break up for Half - Term

Monday 30th October – Back to school
Wednesday 1st November – Teacher / Parent meeting
Thursday 2nd November – Teacher / Parent meeting
Thursday 30th November – Reception Christmas Craft session – Parents welcome

Christmas Play:

Wednesday 6th December - RJA
Thursday 7th December - RKE
Friday 10th - December RPN
Friday 15th December – Break up for Christmas

Website

Please visit our website regularly www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk
Here you will find lots of useful school information and once on the Reception page, you will find letters, photos of what the children have been up to, useful dates, information about our curriculum, how to support your child and much, much more!

Many Thanks

Mrs Lynch
Deputy Head

