



Reception Class Newsletter

Term 1 September 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This newsletter is to inform you of the learning your child will be involved in this term and we can update you of your child's daily school activities and our expectations. First a couple of reminders of the things we talked about at the home visit:

- All items of uniform including jumpers, PE kit, plimsolls, lunch boxes and coats must be clearly named. We dispose of a huge amount of lost property every term because it is unnamed.
- Please make sure your child brings their reading book and reading diary to school every day in your book bag. Don't forget to check your child's book bag each night.

Reception Class Key Information reminders

P.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.E. will take place on Fridays, we will let you know when P.E. kits are needed in school as we will first be getting used to going to the hall before we get changed! • P.E. bags will be sent home for washing at the end of each term.
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework will include letter formation, writing and maths activities and work relating to our topic including problem solving and practical activities. • Homework will be sent home on Fridays and is to be given in by the following Wednesday. • Work should be completed in pencil – no felt-tips unless you are asked to use them e.g. for art activities. • Your child is expected to read every day. Please sign to show that your child has read each night. • Please make sure that books are cared for properly at home. You will be expected to pay for any lost or damaged books.
Curriculum coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This term the whole school is working on a Topic with the covering title : Aspirations and Ambitions. • In year R we are looking at our community including your family, local area and your new Westgate family! Our challenge question is 'How can I make Champion Choices and become a Superstar?' We will also focus on the choices they make every day, the routines of the class and the expectations we have. At the end of the first term, the class will create a book that shows we are able to make the right choices and be a kind and helpful member of our Westgate Family.
Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone has turned up looking very smart in their uniform for the start of the year. Please make sure this high standard is kept up. • Shoes should be plain, black and suitable for wearing all day including outside at playtime • Earrings must be of the small flat stud type only and need to be removed for P.E. lessons. • Please do not wear large and colourful hair decorations – simple plain or school coloured slides and hairbands are fine • No makeup, including nail varnish or jewellery is to be worn to school
Spare Clothes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child needs a spare set of clothes just in case of any accidents.

Thank you for your support as your child begins their journey to become a lifelong learner at Westgate. This is a very important year and we will all be working together to ensure your child has the best possible chance to achieve their full potential.

Yours faithfully
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