



# Reception Class Newsletter

## Term 3 January 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:

- 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, reading record and contact book to school every day in your book bag. Don't forget to check your child's book bag each night.
- As you have agreed to your child taking part in local area visits, they may take place at short notice. These will always be linked to our learning and planned to enhance your child's enjoyment of the curriculum.

### Reception Class Key Information reminders

<b>P.E.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P.E. takes place on Fridays, P.E. kits are needed in school everyday, just in case!!</li> <li>• P.E. bags will be sent home for washing at the end of each term.</li> </ul>
<b>Homework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework will include letter formation, writing and maths activities and work relating to our topic including problem solving and practical activities.</li> <li>• Homework will be sent home on Fridays and is to be given in by the following Wednesday.</li> <li>• Work should be completed in pencil – no felt-tips unless you are asked to use them e.g. for art activities.</li> <li>• Your child is expected to read <b>every day</b>. Please sign to show that your child has read each night.</li> <li>• Please make sure that books are cared for properly at home. You will be expected to pay for any lost or damaged books.</li> </ul>
<b>Curriculum coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This term the whole school is working on a Topic with the covering title: Detectives.</li> <li>• In Year R we are looking for clues about the houses and homes we have in our local area. We are reading stories and linking them to houses and homes. We will learn and discover together. Our challenge questions are <b>'Why do people like to have their own home? What can I find out about the local area to explain to my friends?'</b></li> </ul>
<b>Uniform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoes should be plain, black and suitable for wearing all day including outside at playtime</li> <li>• Earrings must be of the small flat stud type only and need to be removed for P.E. lessons. (P.E. on Fridays)</li> <li>• Please do not wear large and colourful hair decorations – simple plain or school coloured slides and hairbands are fine</li> <li>• No makeup, including nail varnish or jewellery is to be worn to school</li> </ul>
<b>Spare Clothes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child needs a spare set of clothes just in case of any accidents.</li> </ul>
<b>Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your child is expected to be in school <b>every day!</b></li> <li>• If your child is unwell at school we will contact you!</li> <li>• Every time your child is late to school or misses a morning, afternoon or day they are affecting their education. They cannot get this time back!</li> <li>• Attendance should be 97% if it falls below this you will be contacted and asked to explain why this is happening.</li> </ul>

Thank you for your support as your child continues 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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