

Reception Newsletter September 2019



Saltair Primary School
- OUR LEARNING JOURNEY -

Welcome

We would like to offer you a warm welcome to Saltair Primary School. We hope that your child will enjoy an exciting year in Reception. Starting school is a big event not only for your child but also for you as parents and carers. We hope that we have made it a positive experience where you have felt welcome and at ease. We have put together some useful information to help you during this first term. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Reception team.



Amazing Me!

During the first few weeks at school, we will try to get to know your children really well and they will hopefully begin to feel settled and comfortable in school. During this time, the children will be talking about their interests, painting self-portraits and learning different parts of the body. We will be helping the children get to know each other and form new friendships by playing small group games.

Uniform & Book Bags

Please ensure all items of school clothing are clearly named, that way lost items can be found much more easily. This includes coats, shoes, hats, gloves as well as jumpers, cardigans etc.

Your child has received a new book bag. This will be sent home each day and may contain important items such as reading books, school letters and your child's drawings etc. Please check the bag daily and return it to school each day. The children look incredibly smart in their new uniforms.

Collection of Children

Can we please request that if there is a change to the normal person collecting your child on a given day that you inform school beforehand. A password system is used if a child is collected by an adult not known to us. Please contact the school office if you require the current password.

Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Hussain who has joined our team as an apprentice teaching assistant. We are delighted that Mrs Smith and Mrs Embleton continue to work as teaching assistants with us this year. In RKA Mrs Kent will teach at the beginning of the week and Mrs Austwick will teach at the end of the week.

In RA Mrs Abbott has responsibility as class teacher and will be supported by Mrs Morgan & Mrs Kent to release Mrs Abbott for EYFS management duties.

Mrs Littlewood will be working as a Forest Schools Practitioner on Fridays across the Reception classes.

To give your children the best learning experience and a shared approach all the Reception teachers will meet and plan together on a Wednesday afternoon. During this time Mrs Morgan and Miss Brett will be teaching in Reception.

Birthdays

We will celebrate each child's birthday in school and make sure they feel really special. The children will get to choose a treat from the birthday box, wear the honorary birthday hat and we will all sing 'Happy Birthday'. Due to many children having allergies or other specific dietary requirements please do not send in sweets, chocolates etc to share.



Supervision of children

Please could we ask that you supervise your children before and after school in the playground and Reception areas. Please help us to reinforce the rules we have during the school day to keep the children safe e.g. please no climbing on the wooden reading den or climbing on the hand railings coming into the cloakroom entrance. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wow Moments

We love to hear what children have been doing at home. If you notice your child has done something that you are proud of or if they have any special achievements then please let us know. You can do this by filling in a 'wow' moment or dropping us an email.

RA- rachelabbott@saltairebradford.sch.uk

RKA- helenbinns@saltairebradford.sch.uk

Show & Tell

On a Monday children often like to share their weekend news. If your child has a special item of interest from something they have done or somewhere they have been (e.g. train ticket, panto programme) they can bring this in on a Monday to show to the class and talk about what they have done. No toys please.

Fruit & Drinks

We are able to provide the children with a piece of fresh fruit and a carton of milk each day.

Children are able to help themselves to water throughout the day. We provide cups so bottles are not needed.



Reading Books

The children all choose a library book each week. These will be changed on Fridays so please make sure library books are in school on this day as we cannot send a new book without the old one being returned.

When your child is ready they will receive a reading book. Please always keep your child's reading book in their bookbag every day so they can be read with at school.

We introduce four new letter sounds every week and ask you to practise recognising and writing them at home through games such as 'I spy' and when sharing library books. We advise that you spend 10 minutes a day on these reading activities.



Star Readers

Once your child receives their school reading book we will be introducing 'Star Readers' every Friday. For your child to be awarded a Star Reader sticker and stamp, they have to read at home 5 times a week, either reading their book or practising their tricky words. Please make a note of each time they do this in your child's Reading Record. We can then celebrate this on a Friday.



Parent Helpers

We would be very grateful to any parents who could spare some time, once the children have settled, to help in school with reading, painting, gardening or creative activities. If you would like to come in and help, please speak to your child's teacher.

Feedback and Contact Details

Please let us know how you feel the settling in process has gone for your child. If you have any thoughts of how we could improve the process or if anything has gone particularly well, we would appreciate your feedback.

We always love to hear what you think so if you have any feedback throughout the year, please let us know.

If you would like to contact us by email at any time please use the following addresses.

RA- rachelabbott@saltairebradford.sch.uk

RKA- helenbinns@saltairebradford.sch.uk (Mrs Kent)

nancygrady@saltairebradford.sch.uk (Mrs Austwick)

Family Days

We like to invite you as parents, carers or member of the family to come and spend an afternoon with your child in school. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to show you what they do in school and parents and carers always find this a very positive and insightful experience! From previous feedback we have decided to allocate more sessions, allow children to bring either parent or a family relative and give you plenty of notice in order for you to make arrangements.

The dates are as follows:

RKA 130pm Friday 8th November

RA 130pm Friday 15th November

RKA 130pm Monday 16th March

RA 130pm Tuesday 17th March

RA 130pm Thursday 11th June

RKA 130pm Friday 12th June

50 Things To Do Before You're Five

We hope you have enjoyed doing some of the activities over summer. Please email us any photos you have of your children taking part in any of the activities.

We are holding mini activity sessions based around some of the 50 things activities for you and your child to enjoy after school. These will take part in the Reception garden or in the Reception classroom after school from 3,20

Thursday 3rd Oct

Thursday 7th Nov

Thursday 5th December

These sessions will take place on a Tuesday in the Spring term.

Individual Photographs

These will take place on Friday 27th September during the school day. There will be a chance for you to have siblings not in school photographed after school. Please look out for details.

Class Trays

Please place any important information into the class trays in the morning. This should include letters to the teachers, responses to letters, reading books on your child's day and any Tricky Words your child may need changing.

PE days

PE will be on a Thursday morning. Please can children come dressed in their PE kit in school colours and trainers on a Thursday. If the PE day changes you will receive a text.