

Reception Newsletter

September 2021



We would like to offer you a warm welcome to Saltaire 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.

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 will receive 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 Brett who was previously in KS1 and has joined our team as a teaching assistant. We are delighted that Mrs Smith, Mrs Cullum, Miss Smith and Miss Hussain continue to work as teaching assistants with us this year.

Mrs Kent will teach at the beginning of the week and Mrs Austwick will teach at the end of the week. Miss Garnett has responsibility as class teacher and will be covered by Miss Brett to release her for EYFS management duties.

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 Smith 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 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.



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 dropping us an email.

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Key Groups

Your child will be placed in a key adult group and we will let you know which group they are in. This will be mainly for Circle Times, Show and Tell and to monitor observations. The class teacher will still oversee the class as a whole.

Show & Tell

On a Monday children will be given a chance to do Show and Tell. They will be able to bring in something special, talk about special events or show pictures. It will be two children per Key Group and we will let you know when it is your child's turn.

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' on their reading change day. For your child to be awarded a Star Reader sticker, 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 your child's reading day. .



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 address.

reception@saltaireps.co.uk

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.

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 will hopefully be holding mini activity sessions based around some of the 50 things activities for you and your child to enjoy after school. These will take place in the Reception garden or in the Reception classroom after school.

Monday 4th October 3.30pm.

Help your child master maths at home

An email was sent out this week with details of a maths session for parent. If you would like to book the session on 29th September please follow this [link](#) to book your tickets via Eventbrite.