

### 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 & 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](mailto:rachelabbott@saltairebradford.sch.uk)

RKA- [helenbinns@saltairebradford.sch.uk](mailto:helenbinns@saltairebradford.sch.uk)

### Family Days

We like to invite you as parents, carers or a 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 a parent or family relative and give you plenty of notice in order for you to make arrangements.

The dates are as follows:

RKA- 1pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

RA 1pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

RKA 1pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

RA 1pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

RKA 1pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

RA 1pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

# Reception Newsletter September 2018



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.

# Getting to Know You



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.

## Book Bags & Uniform

Your child has received a new book bag. This will be sent home each day and may contain important information such as 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. Please ensure all items of school clothing are clearly named so that lost items can be found much more easily.

## Book bag System

Please can we draw your attention to the system we use to deal with any correspondence or matters for our attention. This will begin on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Each class teacher will have a tray outside the front door in the morning. Please could you put anything that you would like us to see or deal with in this box in the morning. For example, any show and tell, returned slips, letters to teachers, reading books, tricky words that need changing etc. This will make sure that we do not miss anything that could be in a book bag. Please could you let whoever brings your child to school know about the system e.g. childminders. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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 Mrs Willoughby, Mrs Embleton and Mrs Hall to the Reception staff team who have previously worked as teaching assistants in other year groups in school. We are delighted that Mrs Smith, Miss Iqbal and Mrs Barker 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 will teach all week. Miss Brett will be teaching in RA on Friday morning to release Mrs Abbott for 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 morning. 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.

## Leaving children at the start of the day

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> please could we ask that you say goodbye to your child outside the classroom door and allow them to come into the cloakroom themselves. This is to encourage independence and the Reception staff have spoken to the children about this.

### 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 book bag 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 recommend 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.



### 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.

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### 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.



Important dates this half term

Induction Evening- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 6.30-8

*All parents are invited to come and look round the school to see what is happening in all the classrooms. There will be a workshop for all Reception parents about how to support reading through phonics at home. This is really beneficial to supporting your child's learning. Please try to attend.*

The Spooky Disco- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November **time**

*The FOSPS put on a fantastic school disco for all children. The price of the ticket includes a hot dog for both children and adults. There is a licensed bar available for drinks and a sweet and crisp stall or the children to buy at a small cost.*

Flouride varnish sign up session – 8.45am Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Flouride varnish application – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October