St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception!
We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children to Reception in September. In preparation for the new school year, we're sharing some important information below to help you stay informed and support your child's learning.

'Meet the Teachers' – Wednesday 16th September
You are warmly invited to attend our *Meet the Teachers* sessions on **Wednesday 16th September**. These sessions will give you an overview of Reception's routines, expectations, and the learning planned for this year.
There will be two identical meetings held at:

- **3:30pm**
- **4:15pm**

Each session will last around 30 minutes. This repeated format allows parents with children in different year groups to attend multiple meetings. If you are unable to attend, a PowerPoint presentation will be sent out to ensure you don't miss any important information.

Curriculum Map and Knowledge Organiser
Attached to this email, you will find:

- A **Reception Curriculum Map** showing the subjects your child will study this term, along with the main skills and knowledge they will be developing in each one
- A **Knowledge Organiser**, which includes key vocabulary and facts your child will be learning

These documents are designed to support learning at home. We encourage you to look through them with your child and discuss the exciting new content they will explore.

Uniform and PE Kit
Please see below for our uniform expectations:

Winter Uniform

- White shirt or white/navy polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan, fleece, or hoodie
- Grey skirt, trousers, or pinafore dress
- White or grey tights/socks
- Indoor shoes (black plimsolls – not slippers)
- Sensible black flat or low-heeled shoes with laces, buckles, or Velcro

Summer Uniform

- As above, with the option of:
    - Blue/white check dresses
    - Grey shorts

PE Kit

- PE bag
- Dark shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Navy tracksuit for winter/outdoor PE
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Indoor PE shoes (plimsolls or pumps)
- Wellies and a warmer jumper for colder outdoor PE sessions

The children will not be expected to change into their P.E. kits until Term 2. You can support your child to prepare for this by encouraging them to dress and undress independently at home.

Reading

Reading regularly at home is a fantastic way to support your child's progress.

- Reading books will be sent home from **Week 2**
- Books will be changed weekly (based on your child's group).

We really value your support with reading at home.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is vital to your child's learning. However, we understand that children can sometimes be unwell.

- If your child is absent, please notify the school office by **9:00am**
- For absences longer than one day, please contact the school **each day**. This is part of our safeguarding policy

The school day begins at **8:50am**. Any children arriving after this time will need to enter through the school office. Please help your child start their day positively by arriving on time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to a happy, productive, and exciting year with your child!

Kind regards,

Miss Kelsall and Miss Fiorentino
Reception teachers.

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