



St. Mary's C of E Primary Academy
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TRUST



Reception/Pearl Newsletter—Autumn Term

Welcome to St Mary's Primary Academy!

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome to you all, thank you for welcoming us into your homes for our home visits it is so valuable for the children to see us before starting school. We are looking forward to welcoming you all into the St Marys family this week. Our school day is 8.55am to 3.25pm.

Pearl Class/Reception your teachers are

Mrs Bailey (Class Teacher) Miss Robinson (Nursery Officer) Miss Wormald (Teaching Assistant)



We will be using Class Dojo all our amazing learning with you this year. You can also post pictures of fun things that you do at home. We would love to see a picture of your family and if you have any pets at home you can post those in your child's own page. If you have any problems setting up your account please come in and see us. Please note this is a free app (you do not need to pay for any in app purchases unless you choose to do so)

Homework

When the children start learning phonics they will bring home learning sheets with their sounds on. Please take the time to look at these with your child. We may also send other challenges on Dojo for you to try linked to things we are doing in class.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are very important to us and to the children too. Every minute counts. Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life. It is important that your child is in school for **8.55am** every day, the gate will be open from **8.50am** to allow the children to enter and be ready and start their learning. We would like the children to come into school independently so we ask that parents leave them at the gate and say their goodbyes there.

Lunches and Snack

This policy talks about the importance of the children having a balanced and varied diet to have the best possible start in life. Our on site kitchen team are here to provide your children with everything they need for this. You can order your child's meals on our School Grid app. If you choose to pick packed lunches please make sure that your choices are balanced and nutritious. (please see attached guidance)

We have a child in the setting with a nut allergy for please NO NUT PRODUCTS! In packed lunches.

We provide a small piece of toast with butter when the children arrive in the morning, and fruit for snack time. You are welcome to provide your own fruit. Please see the choking guidance for new information. (attached)

Please use the cool milk link if you wish for your child to have milk in school.

Wellies and Waterproofs

Your children will be outdoors no matter the weather so it will be great to have a spare pair of wellies to keep in school alongside some waterproofs or a puddle suit. They also need a spare set of clothes, pants or underwear, socks and a sun hat. (this does not need to be uniform)

Please remember to name all clothes including your spares.

Put sun cream on your child before they come to school.

We need all our children to have a water bottle in school everyday – This must have water in only!

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns

Louise.bailey@hunsletstmarys.co.uk or speak to any member of staff at the beginning or end of the day. You can also private message on Class Dojo.

Thankyou