Reception Newsletter - Term 1

Dear Families,

Welcome to Reception!

We are very excited to welcome your children to Priors Hall – A Learning Community. The children have been so brave coming in and grown-ups, you did a great job too!

When planning for your child we will use their interests to inform our next steps and where beneficial, we will link this to a wider curriculum theme. This first term is centred on developing our Personal, Social and Emotional skills, helping children to get to know each other, as well as the adults and their roles within school.

Our focus stories (which we call 'book as a hook'), will help the children to learn about friendships, starting school and celebrating our similarities and differences. Each term, we will have planned a potential learning journey, which outlines themes of learning for each week. These are linked to national events, seasonal links and subject focus areas. Whilst these will be shared each term, these are very much fluid plans that will adapt in line with children's interests and our observations of their learning.

All of our school classes are named after a children's author. Throughout the term, we will be reading stories from the authors Eric Carle and Oliver Jeffers.

We will share our focus and the children's learning each week through group posts and photographs on Class Dojo. Class dojo can also be used if you have any questions. We will always endeavour to reply within working hours, but please understand that we can't always check dojo when we are interacting with the children.

A collaborative working relationship between school and home has a hugely positive impact, so please do share key events, family experiences or home learning that the children are doing. We love to see what their interests are outside of school.

Reception Team

General information

As we have outdoor play and water play each day, please could you provide named spare clothes, a pair of named wellies and a coat. Please could all shoes be named too. Clothes bags can remain in school when children have not needed to change.

Reading

Your child will shortly be bringing home a reading record book in their book bags. Please sign this each time you read with your child. As we move through the term your child will also bring home their phonic learning for that week to practise. You will receive your first phonics book in October, but we encourage you to share stories with your children as much as possible to support us in fostering a love of reading.

Water

Please ensure that children have a named water bottle in school. Please do not put water bottles inside book bags. Please name lunch boxes – this is particularly important because of allergies. Thank you.

PE lessons will begin after October half term.

Collection Passwords

Please ensure that you have provided us with a collection password. These are used when new adults collect from school. Please understand if family members are asked for passwords during the first few weeks while all staff get to know the different adults who will collect the children on a regular basis. We mean no offense, there are lots of faces to learn!