

## Welcome to Reception

Welcome to Beavers Community Primary School. It is wonderful that you and your child will be joining us in September 2021. Below is important information that will help you become familiar with the Reception daily routine and help your child settle into the Reception environment. **Under the current Covid- 19 circumstances, the daily routines and times may be subject to change due to government guidance.**



Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any questions or concerns. We are committed to ensuring that every child has the very best, happiest and smoothest start to their school life.

<b>Orange Class</b>	<b>Apricot Class</b>	<b>Amber Class</b>
Miss Ryan	Mrs Clinkett	Mrs Stroudley
Miss Mohie	Miss Rose	Miss Hart

## Start and End of the School Day

Due to social distancing measures and government advice, Reception classes will have staggered starting and finishing times. Please line up outside the Nursery gate, as each class has a ten minute window to reduce crowding and to ensure all children come into school safely. Please arrive promptly to allow your child to have a smooth start to the day. The class teachers will bring your child into school from the gate. Parents will not be allowed into the school premises at this time. At the end of the school day, please line up promptly outside the Nursery gate and class teachers will bring the children to be collected by parents/carers. Note below the drop off and pick up times for each class. It is your responsibility to know your child's class and time of arrival and pick up.

### **1<sup>st</sup> settling week - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September (stay for lunch)**

**Apricot- 8.50am-1.10pm**

**Orange- 9.00am- 1.20pm**

**Amber- 9.10am- 1.30pm**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> settling week - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September (full time)**

**Apricot- 8.50am-3.00pm**

**Orange- 9.00am- 3.10pm**

**Amber- 9.10am- 3.20pm**

## P.E.

All children will participate in PE lessons once a week. Your class teacher will inform you when PE will start. Due to Covid- 19 guidelines, please send your child wearing their PE kit on their PE day only. They will wear their PE kit for the full day of school. This consists of a Beavers T-shirt (this can be ordered through the Goodies website [www.goodies.co.uk](http://www.goodies.co.uk)), black shorts or tracksuit bottoms in colder weather and plimsolls/appropriate trainers.

During colder weather, children can wear their school jumpers. Please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name. Your child must wear their PE kit to participate in PE lessons.

## Parent and Child Together (P.A.C.T.)

Your child will need a school book bag. Once we start the school reading scheme, your child will choose a book of their own choice along with a phonics scheme book to take home. These books will be changed every Monday. Each child will also require a reading record, which can be purchased for £1.00 via ParentPay (you will be provided with login details for ParentPay once your child starts in September). Please make a comment in your child's reading record to confirm your child has read the book to you. If the reading record is misplaced, you will be required to replace it at an additional cost of £1.00.

## Word Bags

Once your child has settled into Reception, we will send home a word bag to support our reading scheme. Please help your child to learn the letter names, sounds and the words in the bag. These should come into school every Monday.

### **Morning Drinks and Fruit**

Each morning, children sit together to have a piece of fruit and a drink of water or milk. Our school milk is supplied by Cool Milk Ltd. Under 5's receive milk free of charge; you simply need to register on the website [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Once your child turns 5, there will be a charge for milk. You can then start making payments through the website. As part of our healthy schools programme we encourage children to drink water and would request that you provide a plastic sipper bottle with your child's name clearly marked on the front. The school also takes part in the National School Fruit Scheme. Children aged 4-6 years (Infants) are entitled to a free piece of fruit each school day.

### **Lunchtime**

Children in Reception are entitled to a universal free school meal. There are varied daily choices along with pudding and a variety of salad. Please ask your class teacher for a school lunch menu. If you would prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch, please ensure it is healthy, balanced and does not contain nuts, chocolates or fizzy/juice drinks. Water is freely available for children to help themselves to.

### **Class Fund**

We would like to continue our cooking sessions in school. In order to do this it has become necessary to request a £5.00 donation for the year. All donations are much appreciated.

### **Other Information**

**Uniform:** children must arrive at school wearing the correct school uniform. This includes black shoes. School uniform can be purchased via [www.gooddies.co.uk](http://www.gooddies.co.uk).

**Jumpers/cardigans:** please check your child's jumper/cardigan regularly for their name as we frequently have washed out name tags and cannot return the items to their rightful owners.

**Coats, Hats, Scarves etc:** please make sure these have your child's name clearly marked on them.

**Jewellery:** in-line with school policy, jewellery should not be worn.

**Toys (including balls):** are not allowed to be brought into school unless specifically asked for to help with a topic.

Once again, welcome to Reception  
The Reception Team

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This information is for parents of children starting in Reception.  
It contains information about how you can help prepare your child for starting school.

### **Preparing your child for Reception**

We look forward to welcoming your child in September, where we will begin to build relationships and find out about children's interests.

Over the summer months, you can prepare your child to help them get the most from school, access all areas of learning independently and feel confident to try everything we have to offer.

#### **Develop independence**

- Teach children how to put their coat on and take it off.
- Encourage your child to undress and dress themselves alone and without help, as often as possible, to practice changing for P.E.
- Check your child can recognise their name when handwritten on clothes, book bag, lunch box etc.
- Check your child can go to the toilet on their own (without reminders) and can wipe themselves carefully without help.
- Check your child can use a knife, fork and spoon without help, and begin to teach them to cut their food up.
- Buy their lunch box early and practice opening and closing it. Have a picnic together so you know they can manage. Remind them to eat their sandwich, rice, pasta, tortilla wrap or sausage roll before they eat their fruit, yoghurt, cake, biscuits.
- Check your child can wash and dry their hands on their own.
- Visit a Library and borrow books about starting school to share together.
- Talk excitedly about starting school and remind your child of all the fun things they saw when they came to visit. Always talk positively about school.

#### **Develop language skills**

Communication and language skills are crucial for children's development and their future in school. Encourage your child to talk and extend their language by asking them questions (How? What? Why? When?).

- Encourage turn taking by playing memory games, snap or eye-spy.
- Read stories together and talk about the pictures.
- Sing nursery rhymes and songs.

#### **Phonics**

We follow the Letters and Sounds phonics programme in school and support this with the use of cued articulation. To give children a head start, visit our website <http://www.beaversprimaryschool.co.uk> Click on Menu, Curriculum, Learning Resources – where you will find a video of Cued Articulation. Cued Articulation is a visual phonics system used in school, whereby a hand movement represents one sound.

#### **Maths**

Maths is fun and is all around us.

- Encourage your child to recognise numbers up to 20.
- Collect everyday objects and sort into colours, shapes and sizes.
- Let your child help to pay for things in shops when you are paying with coins.
- Go on a shape hunt and point out all the shapes you see, such as square windows or round wheels.
- Count how many things you see, such as lampposts.

We look forward to meeting you and your child during our in-school meetings in September. In the meantime, have a happy and safe summer holiday.

The Reception Team