

Tividale Community Primary School
Autumn Term Newsletter
Reception



Morning Routine

We are really pleased with the way your children have settled into school. In the mornings, please can we ask you to say goodbye to your child in the playground and allow them to walk into school independently now they have become more confident. It is very important that the children attend every day and that they are on time coming to and leaving school. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that your child needs to be in their line on the playground at 8:50am.



Wet Mornings

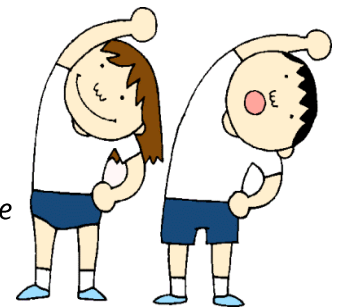
On wet mornings, the children will be allowed to enter school via the lower playground entrance. The door will be open no earlier than 8.45am on rainy mornings and a member of staff will escort the children to their classes.

School Uniform

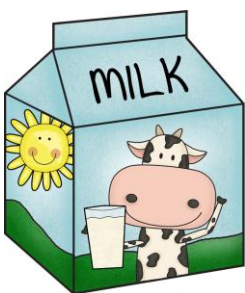
Everyone looks very smart in their school uniform and we would like to thank you for your efforts in this respect. Please can we ask that you label all items of clothing to save any mix – ups.

PE Kits

The children will be doing PE on a Wednesday and a Friday morning. Recommended PE kit is a white T-shirt, blue shorts and black light weight pumps for indoor use. We thank you for all the PE kits that have already made their way in to school and would be grateful if any PE kits that are still at home could be sent in as soon as possible. Unnecessary jewellery should not be worn. If children have pierced ears, studs may be worn.



Milk and Fruit



Children under five are entitled to free milk daily. If your child does not like milk, please encourage them to bring in a named bottle of water to drink in class at this time. Juice or fruit squash should only be brought in lunchboxes for children to drink at dinnertime and **not** in the classroom. All children receive a free piece of fruit daily which they can eat at morning playtime. If your child is staying in school for lunchtimes, please can they stay for either sandwiches or school meals for the whole half – term.

WOW Board

We appreciate that children have different experiences and achievements outside school. We enjoy celebrating these within school. If your child has anything to display on it, for example, photos, certificates, drawings, paintings etc, please encourage them to bring them into school. Post it notes will also be available for you to let us know about anything your child has done at home e.g. counted to 100, added two numbers together etc.



Learning Diaries

Your child's Learning Diary celebrates their achievements and experiences. Over the year, it will tell a story about your child's learning, friends, achievements and the experiences they have shared with others. Throughout the year, you will have the opportunity to look through it alongside your child. We would like you to contribute to your child's learning diary. If you notice something that your child can now do that they couldn't do before or they do something that you are particularly proud of, we ask that you write it down on one of our 'Proud Clouds' which are included alongside this newsletter and send it back into school so we can stick it inside your child's learning journey.

Our Topic



We have spent the first few weeks of school getting to know your child, finding out what they like and what they can do. We have now launched our topic 'Who is hiding in the Jungle?' During this topic, we will be learning about a variety of different animals that live in the jungle such as elephants, rhinos and giraffes. Every Monday, we will send a brief overview of what we will be doing during that week and how you can support your child at home.

Reading Books

Your child has brought a reading book and reading record home with them. We ask you to spend a few minutes everyday reading this book with your child. It is a picture book, and we would like your child to make up a simple story based on the pictures. As your child becomes more confident with the book, try to encourage them to include more detail and to use longer sentences. Please sign your child's reading record when you have heard them read. If you would like to leave a comment regarding how your child has got on with this book we would appreciate it.

Please note, we will not change your child's book unless their reading record has been signed. We ask that your child brings their reading book and flashcards to school everyday in their book bag. We will change your child's book on a **Monday.**

Flashcards

Next week, the children will be bringing home some word flashcards. We ask that these are practiced daily too. If the flashcards are green, this means they are decodeable words and they can be sounded out and blended together. But if they are red, it means these are tricky words and your child needs to be able to read these words by sight and they are NOT able to be sounded out.

Library Books



Every Tuesday, the children will visit the Library and will be able to choose a book to take home and share with you. We ask that you return this book on the following Tuesday, to enable your child to choose a new book. If you would like to change your child's library book more frequently, you are welcome to visit our library after school until 4pm.

Homework

On Friday we will send your child with 1 piece of homework. We ask that you sit alongside your child whilst they complete it, talking to them about what they are doing. Please sign your child's homework book when they have completed it.

Dates for your Diary

- 15th October - Parents Evening
- 23rd October - Harvest Festival and Break up for Half Term
- 2nd November - School Opens
- 5th November - Halloween Fun Day
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