



Reception Newsletter



Autumn 1, September 2023

We hope you all had a lovely summer and that the children and you are settling into Attleborough Primary School. Every half term, the children will bring home a newsletter which will tell you all about what they have been learning and what they will learn in the future. It will also keep you up to date with all the events planned for the half term.

All About Me and Autumn

This half term we will be learning about ourselves and our classmates. Children will be talking about their families and their homes and will be sharing their hobbies and things they like to do. Children will be using junk modelling to make their homes and will be painting pictures of their families to add to our display. The children will also link their learning to the time of year and will be doing lots of different activities around autumn.

Curriculum

During the first few weeks, we will be spending a lot of time getting to know the children and will be completing the statutory baseline assessments. After this, we will be starting our phonics, mathematics and topic lessons.

PE

PE day is on a **Tuesday**.

We will be starting PE soon. Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit on this day. If you are unsure what coloured PE top they need, please speak to a member of staff.

As part of our 'All About Me' topic, we kindly ask that the children bring in a picture of themselves as a baby.



Water bottles

Well done to all the children who have remembered to bring in a water bottle. Throughout the day, children are encouraged to drink water. Please remember to send your child into school with a **named water bottle every day** and we kindly ask that it must be filled with water, not squash, thank you!

Wet weather clothing

Unfortunately, the lovely weather looks like it might be coming to an end! Therefore, to avoid getting wet and muddy, children need to bring a pair of wellington boots into school. They will need to leave these here so they must be clearly named. We will soon be venturing out to our forestry area, so children will also need a waterproof coat or, ideally, waterproof clothing if possible. Some children have already brought these in - thank you.

School Lunches

Last week we were very impressed to see children trying food that they hadn't eaten before. They enjoyed trying new foods and talking about what they liked and didn't like. Well done to all the children for their superb manners whilst in the dining hall.



Start and end of the day

The gates will be opened at 08:40am for the soft start. All children must be in school by 08:50am.

School finishes at 3:25pm. It is very important that the children are collected on time at the end of the day, as teachers often have meetings straight after school.

Please make sure you use the one-way system through the gates onto and out of the Reception/Year 1 playground.

The start and end of the day can be a very busy time for the children. We understand that parents often need to speak with us, but we would be very grateful if this could be done during the soft start time in the morning.

Reading books

Children will soon be bringing home a reading book, as well as a reading diary. Children will read to an adult in class every week during our guided reading sessions. Please could you also take the time to listen to your children read and record this in their reading diaries. We encourage parents to read with their children at least three times a week. At first, the children will bring books home with no words in. This is to encourage the children to use the pictures to make up their own stories and to get a 'feel' of different books. Once the children start learning some of the sounds during their phonics lessons, books with words in will be sent home.



School Photos

On Friday 29th September, the school photographer will be in taking individual and sibling's photos. You do not need to do anything. Photos will be taken during the school day; we will try our best to make sure the children look their best (and not covered in paint!). Soon after this, your child will bring home an order form for the photos.

Key Dates

Friday 29th September - School Photographs

Tuesday 12th September - EYFS/KS1 Phonics and Reading Café in the school hall at 3:30pm

Week beginning 18th September - Book Fair in the hall at 3:30pm.

Tuesday 3rd October - EYFS/KS1 Writing Café in the school hall at 3:30pm

Tuesday 10th October - EYFS/KS1 Maths Café in the school all at 3:30pm

Reminders

Children need:

- A water bottle clearly labelled with their name on it.
- A pair of wellington boots to stay at school.
- Named wet weather gear to stay in school.
- A spare change of school clothes to stay in school.
- All uniform to be named.
- A named bag/book-bag to take letters and books home.
- In sunny weather, a named hat and sun cream.

Parent Volunteers!

Please let us know
if you can help
with school trips
and library visits.

If you have any questions or would like to talk to us, please speak to us.

Miss Gray and I would like to say well done to all of the children for how quickly they have settled into school and their new classes. We have had a brilliant week and are looking forward to this term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Stanford

EYFS Lead

