

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Walnut Tree Walk! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. We are excited to welcome you all and get to know your children in the coming weeks! Below are some key points to help make the start of Reception as easy as possible.

If you need to contact us regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please email us at (Chris) cbrown@wtwschool.co.uk or (Sharon) ssmart@wtwschool.co.uk.

Any urgent messages that need to be dealt with on the same day must be telephoned through to the school office as we may not access our emails during the school day. This is especially important if someone else is picking your child up, as we cannot let your child go home with another adult unless this has been confirmed with the office.

What your child should bring in

Your child will need some spare clothes every day. This can be left on their peg unless items need replacing. This should contain at least one spare change of clothes (replace these if your child has had an accident) and a full water bottle. If your child forgets to bring their water bottle home, we will fill it up for them in school. Please remember to write your child's name on every item they bring in. Water bottles, bookbags and PE tops can be purchased from the office.

PE

PE lessons for **Chris' class are on Monday and Wednesday** mornings, **Sharon's class are on Tuesday and Thursday** mornings. These will be led by Billy, the school PE teacher. Your child must have a school PE t-shirt, which can be purchased from the office. They will also need dark grey or black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and **suitable footwear**. Please no crocs or sandals as these can cause injuries. Please can your child wear their PE kit to school on their allocated days.

Reading

From the week beginning 18th September, we will begin to send home your child's reading book. Please can all children bring in a named book bag by Friday 15th September. These will be sent home on your child's allocated reading day. The reading books will be linked to the children's learning in phonics. Please return your child's book bag each week on their allocated day and ensure that only the books are carried in the book bags as books tend to get damaged or wet if they are sent in the same bag as the water bottles. It is important that you read every evening with your child, however they may well find it tricky to attempt the book in the

first few weeks of school. In that case, please read the book to them and pause to talk about the different events that happen in the story. Your child will also receive a reading record. We will write in this after each reading session and we encourage you to write a comment when you have read with your child at home.

Phonics Workshop

We will be running a phonics workshop on Thursday 21st September at 9am. This will explain how we teach your children to read using phonics and how you can support them at home.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'All About Me'. We are finding out lots of information about the children and what makes them unique. If you have any special photos or memories at home that your child would like to share with the class, please e-mail them to Sharon or Chris.

School Day

School starts at 8.55am. The gate will be opened at 8.45am. From Monday 11th September, please drop your child at the gate and they will be supported to line up with a member of staff. If you are late and the gate is closed you will need to use the entrance on Fitzalan Street and will need to be signed in by the office. School finishes at 3.30pm. Please let us know in advance if someone who is not familiar to us is collecting your child. While we get to know you and your children please bear with us at home time as it may take a little longer than usual. If you need to speak to us at the end of the day, please wait until all the children have been collected.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Many thanks,

Chris, Sharon, Aurora and Charmaine