

Bayfield Class News

AutumnTerm 2024

Welcome to Bayfield Class. The children are settling in really well and are following the rules and routines brilliantly.

We would like to give you some important information about what will be happening in our class this half term.

Water bottles

Each child has been provided with their own bottle which will be kept at school. The children can bring their own bottles for lunchtimes if they wish.

Fruit time

We have fruit time each day at school, where your child will be provided with fresh fruit, so your child does not need to bring any in from home.

Full Days

From Thursday 12th September children will start full days at school. Collection time is 3.00pm. All gates will be open and please wait in the infant playground. We will always make sure your child is handed over to their adult, so please let us know if someone different will be picking them up from school.

P.E

P.E lessons will be on MONDAY and FRIDAY (from 16.9.24) Children can arrive at school in their P.E kit (plain white t-shirt, navy blue shorts, navy blue jumper, navy blue jogging bottoms for colder weather) and trainers/plimsolls. Please remove any earrings on these days.

Early reading and writing workshop for parents-

Thursday 19th September 2.00pm

We would like to invite you to a coffee afternoon to welcome you all to our school and have an informal chat about what to expect during your child's first year at school.

We will also talk about how we teach phonics, early reading and writing and how you can support your child at home.

Topics

We will be exploring Nursery Rhymes and All About Me where we will have lots of exciting activities linked to the EYFS curriculum.

Reading Books

Each child will receive a reading book which we will change regularly from the week beginning September 23rd (we are not expecting the children to be able to read the text at this stage).

Phonics

We will begin the term with lots of opportunities to focus on speaking and listening (Phase 1) before moving on to learning each letter sound.

We use the Twinkl phonics programme (please come to the workshop to find out more details).

We will send a sound book home with your child when this begins.

Class Dojo

We will continue to use Class Dojo, an online reward and communication system, this year. We will give you a personalised log in letter for you to set up an account, which can be accessed on computers or as an app on a mobile device. Each child gets given their own monster character at school, and we reward the children with points for good behaviour and learning. We also post updates on what we have been learning in school and send important messages out. You can also send us messages as well. It really is a fantastic way to gain an insight into the wonderful things happening in the classroom, so please do sign up.

Statutory Baseline Assessment

We are required to carry out a short baseline assessment for every child starting Reception. It uses practical activities which are similar to the activities already going on in the Reception classroom.

Please see attached information for more details.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

Outdoor Learning

We are able to visit our wildlife area Wed and Fri afternoons. Thank you for those of you who already sent wellies into school. We do have spare wellies if needed.

Clothing

Please make sure that all clothing has your child's name labelled clearly.

If you have any questions or queries. We are always happy to talk to you in the mornings or you can contact us by email or via Class Dojo.

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