



# St George's RC Primary School

## Reception Newsletter

### Autumn 1 2023

Welcome to the new school year!

We would like to warmly welcome all children and their families- whether you are starting or continuing your St George's journey.

Mrs Ellington, Mrs Oliver, Miss Murray, Mrs Iggulden and Miss Colligon

#### Weekly Overview

The children will have their phonics sessions at 8.45 so it is important they are on the carpet ready to learn at this time.

Reception PE is on Thursday and your child will come in their PE uniform on this day (white tshirt, black shorts/ joggers or leggings, black hoodie and trainers). PE is taught by Mrs Heathfield.

Mass/ Liturgy will be on a Thursday morning.

Singing and Dancing Thursday Morning

#### Equipment Reminder:

All children need in school:

Indoor Shoes

Wellies

Water bottle

Book bag (Please do not put water bottles in bookbags)

Change of clothes in a drawstring bag.

Tuesday 10th October - Flu jabs

Letters will go out if you would like your child to sign up.

Friday 13th October - TRAINING DAY - children are not in school.

Wednesday 18th - Parents Evening in the School Hall.

Friday 27th October - School closes at the end of the day for half term.

#### Thank you

I wanted to take this time to thank you for your support during this first week at school. We appreciate your patience at the end of the day as we let one child out at a time to make sure they find their grown up.

#### Communication

We use Tapestry to update you on your child's learning journey.

We use Tapestry not only to share your children's learning, but share messages and communications about school matters, so we encourage all parents to frequently log in. Please note that all parents can see observations or messages tagged to this child so if you have any messages that you would like to inform us about our child please leave a message on your child's learning journey only.

You may also receive notifications for 'memos' this will be a quick note that we need to inform you about your child (eg they have had a change of clothes today).

#### What are we learning?

Our main focus this half term is ensuring that all children settle happily into school. Our general themes will be my school, ourselves, our family, feelings and our body (healthy eating).

In RE this half term, we will learn about 'Ourselves' and how God loves each of us in our uniqueness.

Literacy – We will be learning to write our name and write the initial sounds in words. We will be doing lots of fine motor activities to help strengthen our hands for writing (lego, colouring, tweezers, jigsaws, playdough).

Phonics – We will be practising our oral blending (c-a-t is cat) and our oral segmenting for spelling. We will be learning to read and write the sounds– s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k, e,u,r, h, b, f and we will begin to blend words together (sat, mat).

Maths – We will be learning new mathematical vocabulary and applying this to stem sentences. We will also focus on subitising and solving problems using numbers to 5.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Children will talk about themselves and their families. Children will learn about classroom routines and talk about what makes them happy.

Physical Development – Move in different ways and develop their gross motor skills.

Understanding the World – Explore their new surroundings inside and outside.

#### Reception Liturgy

Thursday 26th October  
Reception have their first liturgy. This will be at 9.30 and parents are welcome.

We are so lucky to have a student teacher, Miss Colligon, with us in Reception this term. Welcome to our St George's family.