



## Reception 2023-24

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are very much looking forward to getting to know your child and working with them in Reception this year. We would like to share a few details with you about how we work.

Mrs Croft will teach on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday. Mrs Rushton will teach on a Tuesday all day and a Thursday morning. Mrs Hughes will be in class every day, finishing at lunchtime on a Friday when Mrs Stanworth will come in.

### Mornings

You are welcome to bring your child into our outdoor area and wait by the small, metal gate. We will be there to meet you and help the children when they get into class. If your child is reluctant to leave you, we have a waving window from inside class, so have a quick wave before you go! Please collect your child from the same place at the end of the day. If your child is being collected by someone different please let us or the office know.

### Readers

At the start of the year, children will choose a library book from the class book corner. We call this our 'book for pleasure'. Please share the book with your child and read several times together through the week. As the term progresses, the children will have a guided reading session, either individually or in a group, with a teacher or TA. Children will be assigned a 'reading day' when they will return the books they have read and will choose new books. This day may change throughout the year but we will let you know if this happens. We use a digital reading record, 'Go Read' we will send out the login details once the children have settled in. Please keep the children's books in their bookbag throughout the week and ensure all books are returned. The children will receive new books once the previous weeks have been returned. Please keep water bottles out of the bookbags as we often have spillages!

### PE

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please could all children bring a named PE kit (black shorts and house colour polo shirt) in a small, named bag and leave it in school.

### Homework

Children are expected to read regularly throughout the week. Little and often is usually best. Later in the half term, children will begin to get additional homework, this will link to the children's learning. We use a home learning platform called 'Seesaw'. Further information and login details will be sent out. Each week we will let you know what the children have been learning in class through the Seesaw App.

### Rewards

We strive to have happy, motivated and well-behaved children. We have a behaviour system called 'The Waverton Way':

- Be safe
- Be ready
- Be respectful



The children who follow all rules stay on green, when they go above and beyond they can move up to gold. Children who move to gold will get an achievement certificate which they can bring home. All children start each day on green, if they struggle to follow a rule, they are given 3 chances to make the right choice, if this does not happen, they take some time in our calm corner. The child's choices will be discussed with an adult and appropriate strategies put in place if necessary. On the rare occasion a child continues to struggle to follow our rules, they would have timeout in Year 1. We would also talk to parents at this point about the child's behaviour. We hope they all remain in the green zone all year!

### Snack

The children will have a choice of water or milk and will be given a piece of fruit. Please ensure you send a named water bottle into school (please do not put this into the bookbag in case of leaks!), this will be returned at the end of each day. We offer the children an additional snack eg, toast, crackers, breadsticks, pancakes etc, for a small voluntary contribution of £1 per week which can be paid half termly, this can be paid using our parent pay system. Any funds left over from snack money are used to buy classroom equipment. Last year we were able to buy books, gardening equipment, story CDs and role play equipment.

### Belongings

Although we know how much children love pencil cases, we would ask that they leave them at home! We will provide them with all they need at school. On the same theme, we would ask children not to bring in toys, footballs, collectables etc.

### Topic

Our first topic this September is called 'Only One You!' We will be drawing pictures of ourselves and our family, learning each other's names, making handprints, talking about how we are the same but different, reading stories and lots more. Our author is David McKee and we will read all of the much-loved Elmer books.

If you would like to ask us anything through the week you are welcome to email the office at: [admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk)

We would also be happy to speak to you at the end of the day, once the children have left.

We hope this hasn't completely overloaded you! We are looking forward to a really positive and fun filled year.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Croft, Mrs Rushton, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Stanworth