

Information for Starting School- September 2023



We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child. If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Yates [EYFS Lead] in Butterflies class.

FULL TIME starting 11th September - Please do not arrive too early. All the EYFS outside equipment is only for learning time, so please keep your child next to you before school to avoid accidents. We often set up learning before school, so politely ask that the children do not use the resources. The Pirate ship is closed before and after school.

Morning gates open at 8.35am, registration is at 8.45am.

Afternoon- gates open 3.10, collect at 3.15pm.

Dropping off/Collecting - please make sure you are on time for this and always let us know if is somebody different collecting as it can be very distressing for your child if we can't let them go with an unfamiliar adult.

Please phone the office if it will be a different person unexpectedly on the day.



Book Bags - we encourage all children to have a School Book Bag as this is where we put their reading books and the yellow Reading Record book. Letters are often put in here so please check them every day.



NO Rucksacks - we don't have a lot of space in school so please **NO** rucksacks, as these do not fit in our drawers.



We love you to read daily with your child - please write or initial in the yellow reading diary each time you read.



Water Bottles - Your child will receive a free bottle from the PTA when they start school. Please put only **WATER** in these and please do not put them in Book Bags as they leak!

PE Once a week we have PE. Children will need to wear red or black shorts, a **plain** white T shirt, or plain black/red jogging bottoms and hoodless sweatshirt, and **trainers**. No motifs/sparkles on clothing please. Please send PE kit to school in a **named** bag.

Please make sure **EARRINGS** are out and long hair tied back. No watches or jewellery should be worn to school.

Please **NAME** everything for us!



Coats - Please make sure these are in school as we go outside all the time for our learning and playtimes. Please **NAME** coats as they often look the same as others.



Wellies - Please bring in a pair of **NAMED** wellies for your child to use at school. Put these outside your class on the trollies.



Snack - if you would like to donate £5 for the term towards extra snacks and cooking opportunities for the children please give it to your Class Teacher.



Lunch

All children get a FREE hot school dinner which is delicious!

We have a lunch menu which is available on the website. 11 September is week 2 on the menu. Your child can choose on the day as we book lunches daily with the kitchen, so have a conversation before school so they know what they are having and can tell us.



If your child chooses to have home packed lunch please ensure they do not have any NUT products in them [including Nutella], sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. Please put a separate drink into the lunch box and cut grapes and tomatoes in half. We also find that crisps take the children a long time to eat so we suggest leaving these out.

Allergies - if your child has any allergies please let the office/class teacher know. We often try new food at snack time so it is important for us to know ANY food your child is allergic or intolerant to.

Asthma Medication - Please fill in a form if your child needs an asthma inhaler [and leave a spare inhaler in school] so that we can ensure they get the correct dose.



Show and Tell - We do love to see any certificates/ natural objects the children have BUT please leave your toys at home as we find they get damaged or lost at school which upsets the children.



Tapestry - we will be setting this up in school during the first 2 weeks so please check your emails. If you have not received an email by 13th September please see Mrs Yates as soon as possible to check we have the correct details for you.

We use Tapestry as a Learning Journal and also put Home Learning on here on a Friday so please check regularly. We love to see what your child is doing at home, so please add photos regularly as we share these in class. Most of the Home Learning can be shown this way.

Photos - we use the online Learning Journal system called Tapestry which often has other children [no names] in the photos. We also put photos on the website and sometimes in the newspapers. If you do not wish your child to be in these photos please talk to your Class Teacher.



Events In School - Please check the website regularly for information

- please check notices on your child's classroom window for information about events.
- You will also receive Parent Mail notifications from School giving you more information about events happening.

TUESDAY 12th September- 9.15 am and 6pm

Welcome meeting in the hall.

We will be showing you our new Little Wandle Phonics scheme, and supporting you with ideas about reading at home.

THANK YOU for all your support with this, we are looking forward to an exciting, fun and memorable year of learning at John Ray Infant School.

