



Brimscombe Church of England Primary School

Early Years Department Newsletter

What's on this week...



Autumn Term 1 - Topic: 'The World Around Us'
Week Beginning: 7th September 2020

Welcome to the Early Years Department at Brimscombe Primary School. We hope you had a lovely summer break. I am very excited to welcome you into school, I hope you are too!

We apologize for the length of this newsletter. It includes lots of initial information. You will not be expected to read this much each time a letter is sent.

Dates for the diary

Wed 2nd, Thurs 3rd and Friday 4th -
Reception home visits.

Mon 7th September- Fri 11th September-
EYFS hours= 9am- 12 noon.

Mon 14th Sept- Thurs 17th September-
Reception hours= 9am- 1.30pm. Robins stay for lunch.
Preschool hours= 9am- 12 noon.

Friday 18th September- Reception start full time hours. 9am- 3pm.

Mon 21st September- Preschool begin normal hours.
(Every morning 9am- 12 noon.
Monday and Wednesday afternoons until 3pm.)

Mon 21st September, 1.30pm- Reception & Preschool first PE session.

Weds 23rd September, 1.30pm- Reception & Preschool first Welly Wednesday afternoon.

Fri 23rd October - Last day of term.

Mon 26th Oct- Fri 30th Oct - Half term break.

Mon 2nd November - Autumn Term 2 starts.



Morning Drop off

As we are still following educational guidelines, we are going to continue with separate drop off and pick up times for our different classes. Please come to the EYFS gate at the front of the school, by the carpark, at 9am. Miss Hancock and Mrs B will greet children at the classroom door from 9am until 9:10am when the gate will be locked.

Pick up

If someone other than yourself is picking up your child, please let us know in advance to avoid any confusion. This includes friends and grandparents. We cannot let your child go home with anyone else unless you have informed us first.

Reception Class- Reception children will be dismissed by the EYFS gate at the front of the school, by the carpark, at 3pm (starting 18th Sept). At pick up time, please encourage your child to wait at the gate with Miss Hancock until she has seen you.

Preschool children- Preschool children will be dismissed at the EYFS gate at the front of the school, by the carpark, at 12pm (3pm, Mondays & Wednesdays if your child chooses to stay w/c 21st Sept). Please encourage your child to wait at the gate with Mrs B or Miss Hancock until they have seen you.

Water bottles



Each child in Preschool and Reception Class are given their own named water bottle and these are kept in classrooms. Children have continual access to these.

Reception Class Book Bags



Reception Class please bring your Book Bag to school every day. Here we will put letters that need to be sent home. Also when we start our phonics program, in several weeks' time, your phonics book will need to live in here along with your reading books and records. In order for them to be used at home and at school. Book bags are kept in children's drawers when they are at school.

PE Kits

From Monday 21st September, we will be starting PE on Monday afternoons. Children must come into school in their PE kit and jumper on PE Mondays, to avoid lots of changing. As getting changed is part of your child's physical development, it would be a great benefit to them if you encourage them to start changing and dressing themselves at home.

Celebration Worship

Due to Covid restrictions, we cannot hold a collective celebration worship on Friday as normal. We will be doing something similar in class starting Friday 25th September, where we will share children's achievements from that week.

FOBS

FOBS (friends of Brimscombe school) are a hugely supportive group of people who do a significant amount of fund raising for our school. They are greatly important to our school and the wider community. FOBS are always on the lookout for new members, so if you think you have some good fund raising ideas or just want to meet a great group of people and get involved, then please come and speak to us and we will point you in the right direction.

Welly Wednesday

Please can children bring any outdoor overalls and wellies etc. in a named bag that they will keep on their pegs. It will be sent home the same day as we cannot keep items in school.

Please ensure the coat your child wears on a Wednesday is one that you do not mind getting muddy.

School Website

Along with our newsletters and Facebook page our school website is a good source that will keep you updated on school events and dates. Please use the school calendar to keep an eye on dates across the year. In addition, the school bulletin is a good source of communication. This is published on a Friday, put on the school website and gives you an overview of events for the upcoming week for the whole school.

On our school website you can find our class page. Preschool and Reception have a combined class page called The Early Years.

Here you will be able to find

- Copies of our newsletters
- The homework choices boards for Reception children
 - Our topic overviews
 - Support and help

Going Paperless

Brimscombe School is in the process of going paperless. This means that whole school and Early Years letters will be sent out electronically and put on our school website.

Letters will only be sent home in paper form if they require a signed permission.

Photograph Permission

Please ensure you have completed an up to date photo permission form as soon as possible.
This form includes permission for use of photos on;

- EYFS classroom displays
- Tapestry- learning journeys
 - School website
 - Local press
- Brimscombe Facebook page.

Allergies and Medical concerns

If your child has any allergies or medical concerns we need to know about please do let us know as soon as possible.

Even if you have written these on forms for the office please still inform us via email.

ehancock@brimscombe.gloucs.sch.uk

Tapestry- Online learning journals

All children in Reception and Preschool class will have their own online learning journey. Once we have set up parent accounts we will inform you of your password in order for you to access these at home.
We will also provide you with a guide on how to use this simple program at home.

Parent Email addresses

Please can you ensure that your child's teacher, Miss Hancock or Mrs B, has an up to date email address that you would like all letters sent to and your child's Tapestry account linked with.

If you would like letters sent to more than one parent or you would like 2 separate Tapestry accounts, please ensure these are also added to the list.

Reception homework

Reception children will receive homework after their first few weeks in Reception. Homework will be kept as fun and engaging as possible and are by no means obligatory. Children (parents) are asked to post their homework onto their tapestry account once they have completed an activity so we can see what they have done and enjoyed at home.

Staff email address and communication

There are several ways in which you can communicate with us in school.

- You can email Miss Hancock directly using the address ehancock@brimscombe.gloucs.sch.uk

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email as we are still not able to have visitors in school, and we are aiming to keep contact at the front gate to a minimum during drop off/pick up times.

- If you need to contact Mrs Newman in the office please use the email address admin@brimscombe.gloucs.sch.uk
 - The school telephone number is 01453 882474
- The school website is a good source of information which includes the school calendar and our class page.
- Our Early Years page on Facebook (*Brimscombe School Early Years*) will be kept up to date with reminders and links for your information.

Brimscombe Facebook Page

We will use Facebook to post photos and stories of what has been happening in class and keep you up to date with reminders, events in school and letters that have been sent home.

We are viewing our Facebook page as a place to celebrate and praise what the children are doing in our department and we would ask you to remember this when responding to posts. We would love to see your comments and likes, however publishing posts will be limited to staff members only.

Can we ask that you do not use this page, or Facebook messenger as an open forum for asking questions. If you have a question, please continue to contact the school directly.

EYFS Topic

Our first topic will be '**The World Around Us**'. Please find attached copies of our topic overview and the EYFS weekly timetable.

Please bear in mind both of these documents are flexible and subject to change depending on children's interests and needs.

These can also be found on our class page of our school website.

<p>Physical Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Start stop games -Ring games -Negotiating space games -Pencil control -Holding a pencil correctly -Using scissors to cut 	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Settling into our new class -Meeting our new class mates, learning our names -Making new friends -Learning the class rules -Learning the rules of the outside area -What makes me special -Our school values 	<p>Communication & Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduction to 'Talk partners' - Introduction to 'Show and Tell' -Introduction to 'Sharing our news and work' -How to do good sitting and listening -Talking in front of the class and sharing ideas
<p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrating what we can already do -Sharing and recording our holiday news -Holding a pencil and mark making -Emergent writing -Drawing pictures of ourselves -Beginning to write our names correctly -Blending and segmenting games -Rhyming games -Beginning phase 2 phonics (towards the end of the term.) -Beginning Phase 1 phonics (aspect 1.) 	<p>'The World Around Us'</p> <p>Topic overview for Autumn Term 1 & 2 7th Sept- 23rd October</p> <p>Subject to change depending on children's interests and needs.</p> <p>Red= Preschool Blue= Reception Class Black= Both classes</p>	<p>Mathematical Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Demonstrating what we can already do -Sorting sizes -Sorting Eye colour -Counting -Recognising numbers -Starting our Ten Town program (towards the end of the term.) -Comparing groups of numbers <p>Expressive Arts & Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring the sound of instruments and listening to others. -Head shoulders, knees, toes & singing other songs and rhymes. -Painting self and family portraits
<p>Understanding the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -My Family -Who I live with -Where I live -Our area of Brimscombe -My Body -Healthy eating -How we can care and look after ourselves -The Creation Story - Our senses -The Weather -Seasons 		