

# Meet the Teacher Information for September 2021

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Reception Class

Mrs Heaton

# Staffing

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In Reception we have:

Mrs Heaton – Class Teacher and Early Years Lead

Mrs Prescott – HLTA

Miss Wadeson – TA

Miss Anam – TA

# Rules and Routines

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At the beginning of the year we will spend a lot of time making the children aware of the rules and routines that we have in the Early Years Unit.

In Reception, it is important that the children take responsibility for their belongings. They need to remember to look after their own jumpers and cardigans and it is also their responsibility to remember to bring in their homework and reading books.

# The Reception Day

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Children come in and choose their own activities to start the day.

We will come together to share a whole class carpet sessions at the different times during the day but our usual structure is as follows:

8:45am – Doors open – Play to start the day

9:30am – Whole class carpet session – Phonics, Daily Mile and Literacy

11:00am – Whole class carpet session – Maths

12:00pm – Lunchtime

1:00pm – Whole class carpet session – RE/Science/Topic (History/Geography/Art/DT...)

2:30pm – Whole class snack and storytime

3:00pm - Hometime

# Phonics

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Phonics is a key aspect of learning to read and write. During their time in Nursery or at home, children will have been exposed to lots of environmental sounds and rhymes and may even have started learning some of the sounds of the English alphabet and/or what they look like.

We use a range of resources to support our teaching of phonics and we will begin by looking at sounds from Phase 2 of the Letters and Sounds scheme (starting with s, a, t, p, i, n).

Once the children have settled into the routines in Reception, homework relating to the sounds learnt will be sent home on a Friday.

# Literacy

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In addition to our phonics teaching we will also have daily Literacy sessions. We will read and explore a text, and then do a piece of work around this in small group sessions.

Children will also read books regularly with an adult in class and will bring books home to share with you.

# Mathematics

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This year we are following the White Rose Scheme for Mathematics, as do the rest of school.

Maths sessions will be taught whole class and we will then do small group sessions as a follow up. Children will have the opportunity to explore mathematical concepts further within our Continuous Provision.

Maths homework may be sent home from time to time as appropriate.

# Religious Education – Come and See

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In our teaching of Religious Education, we follow the Come and See programme. This is supplemented by a programme called A Journey in Love, which is what we use to teach Relationship and Sex Education throughout the school.

As part of A Journey in Love, children in Nursery and Reception will be exposed to the following vocabulary:

God, wonder, love, hands, fingers, nails, faces, noses, lips, ears, hair, features, colour, shape, size, unique, belonging, different, special, womb, describe, friends, generous, worried, Baptism.



# Homework

(this will begin once the children are settled)

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Reading books – Once children are given a book with words in, they will be expected to read at home three times a week. Each time that your child reads with you, please can you ensure that you sign in their reading record book as this is the only way that their book can be changed. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Phonics – Each week, I will send home words which contain the sounds that we have been learning in our phonics work. These words are to be practiced at home as an extension of what we have been learning.

Mathematics – Maths homework will be sent home as and when necessary.

I will always provide any information needed with the homework sent home as well as any dates it is due to be returned.

# Class Dojo App – Parental Involvement

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Parental involvement is vital for us to create a whole picture of what your child is capable of.

Being on the Class Dojo App and checking in with it regularly is essential. This is the main way that we will communicate with parents and, in the event of home learning having to take place again, Class Dojo will be the main channel of communication.

In order to help us to build up a picture of your child and tap in to their individual interests and talents, please send pictures or Dojo messages of things that your child gets up to at home or when you are out and about.

# Uniform

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Reception Class are expected to come to school in school uniform every day.

Official school uniform can be purchased from Sports Line in Ashton or Slaters in Wigan.

Children should wear:

- A pale blue polo shirt (with school logo)
- Grey trousers/shorts or grey skirt/pinafore
- Maroon school jumper/cardigan
- Grey or white socks / Grey or black tights
- Black shoes (not trainers)

Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

# PE - Tuesday afternoons

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Please can you make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. This consists of:

- Plain black shorts or jogging bottoms or leggings (or maroon Holy Family shorts)
- Plain white or Holy Family t-shirt
- Plain maroon jumper or hoodie (no logos unless it is a Holy Family PE hoodie)
- Trainers

Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please send pumps into school that can stay on your child's peg incase we use the hall.

# Useful Information - School Dinners

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- School dinners are available free of charge to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of a government initiative.
- There is always a hot dinner choice plus a selection of sandwiches (usually ham, cheese, chicken or tuna).
- Alternatively, you can send your child into school with a packed lunch but please ensure that it contains a healthy balance of savoury and sweet things.
  
- **WATER BOTTLES** – Please send your child into school with a named water bottle each day, ensuring that it contains only water (no squash/juice etc) as per the whole school policy.
- **SNACK** – We will be providing a range of healthy snacks that children can choose from during the course of the morning. In order to support us with this, please could you send in £1 every Monday. As part of the free fruit initiative, children will also be receiving a piece of fruit in the afternoon during our Snack and Story session.

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**HOLIDAYS 2021-2022**

**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

**OPEN  
Half-Term Close  
Re-open  
CLOSE**

**Thursday  
Friday  
Monday  
Tuesday**

**2nd September 2021  
22nd October 2021  
1st November 2021  
21st December 2021**

**SPRING TERM 2022**

**OPEN  
Half-Term Close  
Re-open  
CLOSE**

**Tuesday  
Friday  
Monday  
Thursday**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**SUMMER TERM 2022**

**OPEN  
Half-Term Close  
Re-open  
CLOSE**

**Monday  
Friday  
Monday  
Friday**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
27th May 2022  
6th June 2022  
22nd July 2022**

**BANK HOLIDAY**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

# General Reminders

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- Connect via the Class Dojo App: it's a great way to keep in touch and find out about what we are getting up to as a class.
- Follow the school's Facebook Page – This is also used for updates and celebrating all of the wonderful things that are happening at school.

## 2 Year Old and 3 Year Old Nursery Places

We still have some availability in our 2 Year Old and 3 Year Old Nursery. If you have a child who is not already on our waiting list or you know someone who does, then please recommend that they get in touch with school to fill in an interest form.

# Here to help!

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- Your child will learn best if we all work together as a team so, if you ever have any questions or comments about your child's time in Reception, please just ask. The most effective way is to send me a message through Class Dojo and I will get back to you.
- If you need help or have a question, just ask!

