



Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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Chestnut Class Reception Parent Letter Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Chestnut Class and welcome to Ipplepen Primary School!

It was a pleasure meeting you all during our home visits and transition days. The children have amazed us with how well they have come into school, ready to embark on their learning journey. Over the year, I am looking forward to working with you to build positive relationships to ensure that the children get the very best start to their school life.

In this letter you will find some information about Chestnut Class and what your child will need to bring to school with them daily.

This half term in Chestnut Class, we will be working on building relationships, making new friends and thinking about how to be kind to others. We will be learning new routines and getting used to our new environment. Our key text this half term is 'Peepo' and we will be thinking about families and how homes have changed overtime. Please see attached our curriculum overview for this half term, which will give you a deeper insight into what we will be learning about.

School Day

Timings – Gates open, registers at 8.55am.

End of school day, gates open 3.15pm, end of day 3.20pm.

Uniform and belongings

Please make sure that your child's belongings are clearly labelled and that they know what belongs to them. Your child will need a coat each day and water bottle with water only. A spare change of clothes can be brought into school to stay on your child's peg.

We also have a welly rack if you wish to keep wellies in school for rainy days.

Your child will be coming home with a book bag. This needs to come into school daily to help build a routine before we send home reading records and reading books.

Snacks and Drinks

A daily fruit snack is provided for all children in Reception.

Healthy snacks of fruit and vegetables only.





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Milk is provided for those who have signed up. If your child would like milk, please contact the office for more information on how to sign up.

Curriculum – Please see the attached overview for a deeper insight into what we will be learning in Chestnut Class.

Phonics and Reading

Once we have settled into school and have built relationships within the classroom, we will begin phonics. When your child is ready, they will come home with a reading book and reading record. You will receive more information about reading at home before books come home.

Reading for Pleasure

We are very passionate about reading for pleasure and have a range of exciting clubs and activities that will help to develop your child's love for reading. Once the children start bringing a reading book home, they will also choose a 'reading for pleasure' book that they can enjoy with their family.

PE

Our PE day will be a Tuesday. On this day, we ask that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. They will not need to change into school uniform on PE days. As we approach colder weather, your child can wear black tracksuit bottoms and their school jumper. If your child is unable to tie up lace trainers, please try to avoid these as it can be rather challenging tying a class full of shoes.

Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor learning time will be on a Friday. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to take their learning outside of the classroom, engage in Forest School activities and go on wet welly walks!

Please can you send your child into school with wellies/old shoes that you do not mind getting muddy. These can be kept in school- ready for each session.

Homework Challenges

Over the course of the year your child may come home with homework. This will not start until we have all settled into school. Our homework challenges are intended to be fun and practical and a way to further develop/ consolidate learning that we have done in school. Occasionally, homework challenges may be related to our topic.





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End of day collection

At the end of the day, safety is our priority. It is important for you to inform us of any changes to who is collecting your child.

Tapestry and our class blog

You will have access to your child's Tapestry Learning Journey during their time in Chestnut Class. Here you will be able to see their 'Wow Moments' and get an idea of what we get up to each week. At Ipplepen Primary School, each class has their own class blog on the school website. Each week you can check the blog to see more of what we have been doing. Here's to a fun and exciting first term at Ipplepen Primary School.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Pook

