



Hedgehog Class Newsletter

Welcome...

We hope you all had a good Christmas holiday and that you managed to enjoy time with family. It has been good to see the children return to school refreshed and ready for more fun learning this Spring term. We have lots of exciting activities planned linked to our class topics of 'Traditional Stories' and 'Explorers', including our annual visit from 'Little City' (details to follow).

With the cold of Winter, you are welcome to send hand cream (or lip salve), if needed, into school, solely for your child's use. Please make sure this is clearly labelled with their name and kept in their book bag.

As always, no question is too small so, if I am unavailable at the school gate, please get in touch via telephone or email with any messages or other

queries and I will get back to you as soon as I am able to.

office@castlecamps.cambs.sch.uk

Please also let us know if there are any changes to who is collecting your child by contacting the office or giving us a written note.

We are looking forward to another fun term!

Best wishes,

Mrs Sterecki

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Class Information...

Weekly information about the children's learning is added to **Tapestry Memo** each Thursday so that you can see what we have been learning and talk with your children about this.

Weekly homework for Reception children is added to **Tapestry planned activities** each Friday.

Please check Tapestry regularly as important messages and updates will be communicated to you through this too.

Things to bring to school...

Please remember to make sure the following items are in school everyday:

- A water bottle (**containing only water - no squash or flavoured water please**). Please carry water bottles to school, not in book bags.
- Named PE kit - indoor and outdoor, including trainers or pumps.
- A warm, waterproof coat and wellies (these can be left on their peg all term if you wish). Hat and gloves too this term.
- Book bag with reading book, library book and communication book.
- Be aware of your school dinner choice or bring a packed lunch.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS AND CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY

LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME, especially if they are new.

PE

Our PE days are first thing on Monday morning (Mini movers) and Wednesday afternoon's (PE with Mrs Hunter).

We will be covering a range of physical activities including yoga, dance and gymnastics this term. Please ensure your child has a full set of named P.E. clothes in school, including trainers.

Please send children in PE kit on Monday, including spare socks and underwear in the bag. Full uniform should be sent in for them to change into after the session on Monday's.

Their PE kit will be sent home again each Friday.

Reading...

Reception parents, please try to read with your child as often as you can and write what you have read in their home communication book. You can use a range of books from home, school or your library. Remember to tick the boxes on the reading grid when you read at home for your child to earn a reading award in assembly. The aim is for them to try to earn their award each half term.

Reading and library books are changed weekly, every TUESDAY. Please return **ALL** books each Tuesday so that they can select new ones as we will be unable to issue new ones until they are returned.

All children will select a library book to share at home. Reception children also bring home a Monster Phonics book, that we have shared in class, and an additional phonically decodable book for practice.



Tapestry ...



Some parents have shared achievements or wow moments

from home, such as learning to ride a bike, achieving something they have previously found challenging or learning a new skill. You are all welcome to do this by uploading to your child's tapestry account in the form of a

photo and/ or comment.

Weekly memo's for Reception and Nursery children continue to be posted on Thursdays.

Lunch Arrangements...

We are happy for your children to choose their school lunch themselves now and will have pictures of the meals for each day so that can see what the options are.



If you would prefer to continue to select with them at home yourself, that is not a problem. Please complete the lunch choice sheet as before.

Resources to collect...

Resources we are collecting for the classroom if you have any spare:

-Junk Modelling such as small boxes, cereal boxes, egg boxes and yoghurt pots (washed and clean please, no nut cereal boxes)

-Unwanted toy cars.

-Unwanted emergency vehicles.

-Wood off cuts and logs.

-Unwanted (complete) puzzles.

-Unwanted, boxed, games.

-metal springs, washers.

-old metal or wooden spoons, of any size.

Wednesday afternoons..

Mrs Liz Hunter will continue to teach the children on Wednesday afternoons to cover Mrs Sterecki's planning time.

Mrs Hunter will be teaching yoga and gym in PE this term, in addition to Music.