



# Hedgehog Class Newsletter

## Welcome...

A very warm welcome to all our Nursery and Reception families both joining and returning to Hedgehog Class this term. We hope that you have enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready and excited for the new school year. We have been very busy in school preparing the classroom to make it fun, accessible and full of learning opportunities.

We have really enjoyed

meeting all our families through our Stay and Play sessions and we are looking forward to getting to know you and your children more over the coming year. We would like to assure you that the health and happiness of the children is our number one priority. Whilst parents drop and collect outside the classrooms, communication is as important as ever. No question is too small so please get in touch via telephone, email or

written note with any messages, or other queries

[office@castlecamps.cambs.sch.uk](mailto: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 a fun filled term and we will be in touch again soon with further updates.

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### Class Information...

All new parents should have now received an activation email for your Tapestry account, please let us know if you have not received this.

Weekly information about the class learning will be added to Tapestry Memo.

Please check your Tapestry account regularly as this is our main form of communication, including messages and homework too.



## Things to bring to school...

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

- A water bottle (only water - no squash or flavoured water please).
- PE kit - containing a change of underwear in case of accidents.
- Named raincoat and wellies (these can be left on their peg all term).
- School book bag for reading books, and homework for Reception children (*further details to come*).
- Be aware of your school dinner choice or bring a packed lunch.
- Sunhat (weather dependent)

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS AND CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

## PE

Our PE days are Wednesdays and a Mini-movers session with Kate, with the start date to be confirmed soon. Please send in PE kit on a Monday to be sent home on Friday. I will let you know the date for Mini movers on Tapestry soon.

We will cover a range of physical activities including gymnastics, dance and games. Please ensure your child has a full set of P.E. clothes in school - shorts, tshirt, pumps or trainers and outdoor jumper and jogging bottoms.

Please could you include spare socks and underwear in the bag.



## Toys from home....

Just a reminder for the new term... please could you refrain from allowing your child to bring any personal toys or items from home unless requested by school. Thank you.

## Reading...

Sharing a story is an invaluable part of your child's development. Please try to read to, and with, your child as often as you can. This can be a range of books from home, school or your library.

All children will bring a school library book home shortly, Reception will also have reading books, all of which will be changed on a weekly basis. Please can Reception parents record the titles of the reading books and write comments in their child's communication book.



## Tapestry and Home Learning...



We use online software called Tapestry to record children's observations and photos and send messages. This online platform is open to parents so that you can follow your child's learning at school and support this by following up activities at

home. You can share their achievements from home too by posting observations.

Phonics home learning will also be posted on this for Reception children each Friday.

## Lunch Arrangements...

All children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a **free school meal** everyday, funded by the Government. The menu is on a 3 week rotation with a daily choice of meals. Please read the menu with your child, help them to choose the meal they would like to order and complete the weekly form to hand to us.

### School Dinners



Nursery parents can pay for school meals using the Parent Pay account, lunch supervision is paid separately.

## Resources to collect...

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

- Unwanted small toy cars.
- Unwanted small toy emergency vehicles, diggers, tractors.
- Small world figures.
- Any size/type spoons - wood/metal.
- Old, clean decorating paintbrushes.
- Children's puzzles for our age group.

## Wednesday afternoons..

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

Mrs Hunter is an experienced teacher and she will be teaching PE and Music to the children.