

Weekly Opal/Pearl update– 05.09.25



Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

Every week I will send out a Reception newsletter to tell you what we have been up to and a reminder of things coming up in the coming week(s)! ☺

Thank you

Firstly, and most importantly, a huge thank you from the Reception Team. Your children have been a delight. You have trusted us to stay on the playground whilst we have taken the children into the classroom – this has really allowed us to settle the children quickly meaning we can get on with all the lovely things we had planned for them. Each and every child looked wonderful in their school uniform – they are so proud to be a part of this super school.

What have we been up to?

The children have learned our three school rules; Respect, Kindness, Safety. We already have lots of gems in the jar as many children were spotted following our rules beautifully! When we get 100 gems, we will call for Mr Webster to put them into the whole school jar. When the whole school jar is full, we get a whole school treat! The children already love the joy of getting a gem in the jar!

As part of our enquiry question, 'Who are we?', we have started to read the book, 'We are all different' and have had some super discussions about hair, skin colour, families and pets. We will finish the book next week. The strong message within the book is, 'We are all different. We are all friends.'

Next week...

Monday – Group B 8.45am-12

Tuesday – Group A 8.45am – 1pm (LUNCH)

Wednesday – Group B 8.45am – 1pm (LUNCH)

Thursday – all children 8.45am – 1pm (LUNCH)

Friday - all children 8.45am – 1pm (LUNCH)

If you haven't already done so, please bring in bags of spare clothes to be kept on pegs. Children will need book bags every day next week as sharing books will come home towards the end of the week. Finally, please send your child in with a waterproof coat every day as it seems Summer is well and truly over!

Family photo montages

If you have not already done so, please send in your child's A4 family picture montage to complete our class files. Thank you so much for putting them together. They are a gorgeous way to get to know your children – they just love to talk about their family.

Dates for your diary...

Curriculum meetings

There has been a slight change to the dates of our two Reception curriculum meetings. They will now be on Friday 26th September and Friday 3rd October, both at 9am in the hall. The first meeting will be about phonics and reading. The second will be about maths and our enquiry curriculum.

PE

In previous years we have not started PE lessons until term 2 but this year is a bit different. All classes will be taught PE by coaches from Swift Coaching. Reception's PE day will be a Thursday. So, please can children start coming to school in PE kit **every Thursday starting from the 18th September**. I will put a reminder about this in next week's newsletter ☺ We are sorry for this change, please let us know if you have any questions about this.

Stay and Play

Advanced notice – we will be having a stay and play session on the **8th October, 2.45pm-3.15pm**. To make it as comfortable as possible, we ask for no more than 2 adults per child. The children can show you around and tell you what they've been up to! We hope you can make it!

Thank you again for a super first week. Have a lovely weekend everyone, *The Reception Team* ☺