

Well done to all Reception children (and parents!) for such a smooth transition into school life! We are very impressed with how the children have taken it all in their stride. We have had a fantastic first few days. The children have enjoyed exploring the school and have shown great independence in finding their pegs and various other things at the beginning and end of the day. As the children are becoming more able to do so, we encourage parents to allow their children to line up independently in the morning so that we can bring them down and help them to settle in. On Monday we will be opening the doors from 8.50 and any adults that feel their children still need support are welcome to accompany their children down. By Tuesday we are hoping to have the children line up independently and for the adults to stand behind the blue lines, this means that we are able to see all of the children in the line and allows a safe entrance into school.

This week has been all about settling in. We have introduced our first Big Idea, 'Me and You!' For this Big Idea we will be getting to know the children and they will be getting to know the teachers and the school. Thank you for all of those who have returned their 'Me Bags.' This is a great way for us to learn about your child as they enjoy talking about the things that are special to them. We have also been getting creative and have been designing our own 'Mini Me.'

For next week, could we ask that children all have a named PE kit in school, a named water bottle, an afternoon snack (also named!) and a book-bag.

Throughout the year we aim to do lots of exciting enrichment activities with the children such as trips and baking etc. For this we sometimes require parent helpers. We will also ask for any parents who have any spare time to come in weekly to read with the children. If you feel you may be able to help with any

of these things then we would encourage you to speak to the office about getting a voluntary DBS certificate as soon as possible.

During this first half term your children will come home with a reading diary and a reading book. Could you please record every time you read with your child and return the books with the record daily. We will be changing over reading books on a Friday so please ensure that they are in school for this.

We will be launching our online Learning Journey - Tapestry in the next few weeks. You will receive an email to the email address that you have provided us with and you will need to follow the link to create an account. We would encourage all parents to sign up so that you can see all of the exciting things that your child has been up to.

Children before the age of 5 are entitled to free milk. If your child would like milk then please visit www.coolmilk.com to register your child.

We look forward to another exciting week!

The Reception Team

Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th September - Author Andy Seed will be in school running workshops and chatting to the children.

Friday 20th September - Global Strike Day (in school art project will take place)

Thursday 26th September - European languages whole school assembly (children only)

Friday 27th September - Reception McMillan Coffee morning (parents and some teachers) 9-10 in the school hall.

Friday 11th October - Friends of Knavesmire quiz night

Thursday 24th October - Pumpkin Festival