

# RECEPTION Classroom News

Avondale  
Primary School  
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Dear Parents/Carers

## THE WEEK AHEAD

This week, we will begin to introduce the pupils to our Reception rules and routines. In Reception, we work as a unit and pupils have access to continuous provision across both rooms. We will be showing the pupils the different areas across the unit and then setting them the challenge of completing activities in targeted areas.

We will also begin to learn about our school. We will learn about the different rooms within school and what these are used for. We will go on a tour around school, visiting each room in turn and getting our Avondale school passports stamped! During the week we will meet members of staff and learn about their jobs and how they help us in school. We will also find our school using Google maps and look at key features around Avondale.

Our first Jigsaw session is titled – It's Good to be Me! During this session we will learn that just like toys were all different: we are UNIQUE. In some ways we are the same but in others we are different. That is what makes our world/school a wonderful place to be.

On Friday, we will have our first PE session. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Thank you.

Please remember that on Tuesday 12th September at 3.15pm we will hold our first reception drop-in / open classroom. These sessions are very informal and held straight after school. Members of the Reception staff will be available so please come along and say hello, have a chat about your child or just look around our amazing Reception unit.

Have a lovely week.  
The Reception Team



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Does your child qualify for Free School Meals (FSM)?

If they do, it also means we, as a school, receive extra funding to enable us to support your child's learning. Last year we received around £172,000 of additional funding. We use this to provide extra teachers, support staff and family support staff. We also fund school trips for those who are eligible.

You qualify for FSM if you are in receipt of income support.

If you think this applies to you you will need to fill out a form on the BWD council website. You can also contact school and we can assist you with this.

Mrs Morgan, our Pupil Premium Lead, will be available at our Reception drop-in sessions on Tuesday 12th September and Wednesday 20th September. Please come and speak to her if you think your child is eligible.

## HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

As your son/daughter has now embarked on their Avondale journey, we would like to share our Home School Agreement.

A home-school agreement is a statement explaining:

- the school's aims and values;
- the school's responsibilities towards its pupils who are of compulsory school age;
- the responsibility of each pupil's parents; and
- what the school expects of its pupils.

Tonight, your child has brought home a paper copy of this agreement. Please take the time to read through this agreement and share the pupils' section with your child. There are two copies of the agreement attached, please sign and date one copy and return this to school (you may need to sign the pupil section on behalf of your child).

The other copy is for you to keep. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly written on the copy you return to school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.



# Morning and End of Day Routines

A good routine will help your child gain confidence and quickly settle into school. We ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and collect them on time. Please enter school via the Reception gate on Durham Road, where you will be greeted by a member of staff. Our Reception doors open from 8.35am and the school day commences at 8.45am, after this the Reception doors will be locked. If your child arrives after this time, then for safety reasons they must enter school via the main office and receive their attendance mark.

When collecting your child at the end of the school day please wait in the Reception play area (not under the shutter area). At home time all pupils wait safely in the classroom until a member of staff can see their collector and then their name is called and they are released. Pupils will only be released to people named on the pupil collection data sheet or if they can provide your collection password. If there is a change to who will be collecting your child please inform school ASAP, and ensure they know your collection password.

To support us until we start to recognise everyone, please tell us who you are and who you are collecting. As you can appreciate home time is a very busy time so if you would like to speak to a member of the reception staff, please wait until all children have been safely collected.

## Home / School Partnership & Communications

Starting school is a very exciting time but it can also be a time of uncertainty for both pupils and parents. Please rest assured that the Reception team aim to provide pupils with a fun, exciting and memorable first year at school. We also aim to build strong working relationships with all our parents/carers, and one way we do this is through good communication. Parents/carers will be regularly updated about whole school procedures and events via our whole school weekly newsletter, which you will receive every Friday.

In Reception, we also have lots of systems in place to support our partnership between home and school. These include:

- Start of the day – a member of the Reception team will be at the unit doors for passing on any quick messages
- Parents can phone / email the main office
- Reception weekly newsletter – Every Monday, you will receive a Reception weekly newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to inform you about systems and procedures within the Reception unit, let you know about next steps in learning for the week ahead, with handy hints and tips on how to help your child with their learning at home. We will also use it as an opportunity to keep you up to date with various events taking place in Reception, and also any important messages. We hope you find it useful! Parents will receive these newsletters via text.
- Reception Webpage – parents can access this webpage via our whole school website. It contains key EYFS information, documents, useful websites and resources.
- School Blog & Facebook – this will be updated at the end of each week with a selection of photographs linked to the learning that has taken place within Reception.
- Purple Mash – in the coming weeks you will receive a password for our Purple Mash site. On this site we will post weekly links and resources, which you will be able to use at home, to support your child with their learning.
- iTrack – we are in the process of setting up a new home-school electronic communication system. With this system, school will be able to email photos of your child's learning, and parents / carers will be able to email photos of their achievements outside of school. More details about this system and how to login will follow shortly.

**Please could we ask that all pupils bring to school their All About Me sheet and a photo/s of their family, as over the next couple of weeks we will be sharing these during circle time. If you need another copy of the All About Me sheet, please just ask.**

## Jewellery

The only items of jewellery that are allowed in school are small stud earrings, which must be removed OR covered up for PE on Friday.

## DATES FOR THIS WEEK

Tuesday 12th September -  
Reception Parental Drop-in session  
(after school until 4pm)

